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AUTUMN FLOWERS.

We bid the Autumn flowers come,
Yet sigh to see them here,
Around our sunny, happy homes,
All bathed in summer cheer.
Because they tell us of the days
When flowers are no more;
Their shroud the fleecy snow that lays
O'er Nature's frozen floor.

Accord, Mass., Oct. 11, 1909. Wilbur Lincoln.

THE SWEET WILLIAM.

MANY OF US remember with pleasure the big clump or bed of Sweet Williams (*Dianthus barbatus*) that bloomed and shed their fragrance so freely in the old-fashioned gardens of our grandmothers. Their beauty lingers in the eye, and in fancy one can almost enjoy their sweetness. But how much more attractive are the improved varieties we now cultivate! The flowers are larger, the clusters larger, and the range of colors and variegations wonderful. Besides, we have the double, as well as the single form, and all grow as readily and bloom as profusely as the old-fashioned sorts that we enjoyed in years past and gone.

The plants are readily obtained from seeds. If started early in the spring a few plants will sometimes begin to bloom in late autumn; but it is better to sow the seeds later, and set the plants out when large enough, so that they may become well established and able to endure the winter. Such plants will be in fine condition for making an admirable display the next season. If set eight or ten inches apart the plants will

soon stool out, and cover the bed with foliage and bloom.

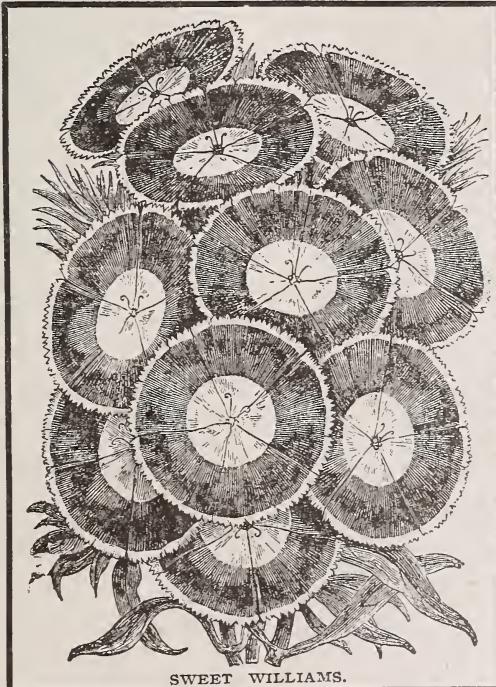
After blooming cut the tops off, so that seeds will not form, and the plants will bloom more or less throughout the season, as well as last for several years. The engraving represents a cluster of the improved form of single-flowed Sweet Williams.

PASSIFLORA EDULIS.

THIS Passiflora is considered "hardy," but if a plant is growing in a seven-inch pot at the North do not expose it to the rigor of winter. Place it in a frost-proof room and water sparingly till spring, then bed it on the south side of a wall or building. A plant that is growing in a pot will not endure the cold to which a well-established bedded plant may be exposed. It is well to protect a young plant for a year or more, until it attains increased vigor. This protection can be given by simply laying the vine in a horizontal position upon the ground and covering with coal ashes, then with manure or hay, thus preventing alternate freezing and thawing, which is so destructive to half-hardy plants. The covering should be removed as soon as severe frosts are past in the spring—not before.

In Tennessee and further south this Passiflora is hardy without protection.

Keeping Tubers.—*Begonia*, *Gloxinia*, *Dahlia* and other tubers keep well in a dry temperature of 50° Fah. Wrap or secure the tubers from free access of air, which is always injurious.



SWEET WILLIAMS.

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THE EDITOR invites correspondence with all who love and cultivate flowers.

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EARLY-FLOWERING HARDY GLADIOLUS.

EARLY-FLOWERING Dwarf Gladiolus are regarded as hardy at the North, but are not so where the soil is tenacious and not well drained, or where the conditions are unfavorable. They should be given a sandy soil and sunny situation, and be planted six inches or more in depth. These Gladiolus are about as showy as Montbretias, and like them, they are of more or less hardiness. In a bed of the bulbs some of them will live, while others will die during the winter season. In the Southern states they are more reliable. They are beautiful flowers and should be more popular.

Begonia Blight.—When Begonias are troubled by a blight that destroys the foliage remove and burn the leaves as fast as they become affected, and stir a dressing of lime and sulphur into the soil. If this does not eradicate the disease get rid of the affected plants, pot and all, and replace them with healthy plants in new soil and new pots.

TREATMENT OF CALLA LILY

WHEN PROPERLY treated, the Calla Lily is sure to bloom every year, but it must have a season of rest during which period it should be very sparingly watered, if at all. Many persons shake the bulbs out after they have made their growth and dry them off entirely. It is in this condition that the dealers get and sell the tubers, and it is a rare occurrence for a good sized tuber to fail in developing a handsome flower. In potting a tuber, set it at least an inch below the surface, providing good drainage and rich porous soil. Set the pot away in a dark place for a while until the roots form. When growth becomes active, the flower-bud will shortly appear, at which time water freely. When the flower begins to fade, remove it with its stem, cutting close to the earth, but being careful not to injure the second bud, which will be found in embryo at the base. This will insure the development of the second

flower. To stimulate growth a few drops of ammonia may be added to the water in watering. If you wish the flowers in winter, rest your plant during the autumn; if you wish them in summer, rest them during the winter. You can thus have Callas at almost any period of the year. When a Calla fails to develop buds, it is because the tubers have not been thoroughly ripened. If you have a non-blooming Calla, take it from the pot, shake off all the soil and dry it out for several weeks, then repot it. In caring for a Calla, if you wish a large plant shift the plant from pot to pot until it is in a large pot. If you wish a dwarf plant, put the tuber in a small pot. It will bloom in any sized pot, but its size and thriftiness will depend upon the size of the tuber and the size of the pot.

Rhododendrons.—These are hardy shrubs in Ohio and farther north, but they must not be exposed to the full sunshine. As a rule they do better in the shade of a large tree or forest. They like a cool, moist shade, and good mulching of old leaves or straw during the summer time. If protected from the cold wind from the north and west either by a wall or fence the situation is all the better.

Plants by Mail.—Such plants as Perennial Phlox, Calycanthus and Aconitum can be mailed so as to reach Utah or more distant states in good condition. The mailing should not be done, however, when there is danger of freezing.



CALLA LILY.



NIEREMBERGIA.

ONE of the beautiful hardy perennial plants usually catalogued as an annual is *Nierembergia frutescens*. The seeds are sown in the spring, and the plants become dense and graceful, with narrow leaves and semi-shrubby habit. The flowers rarely appear until the second season. They are small, somewhat cup-shaped, lavender blue, and produced in wonderful profusion, almost hiding the plant. A subscriber from Greene, New York, incloses a spray of the bloom for identification, stating "the plant came up very early this spring,



NIEREMBERGIA.

and this morning has nearly three hundred blossoms". Besides propagation from seeds, this plant can also be grown from cuttings taken during the autumn. It prefers a light but rather moist soil, and may be grown in a cool greenhouse in pots, if preferred, in which case the flowers will open early in the spring. Bedded out or placed in vases, the plants bloom freely during the summer, and are very satisfactory.

TIME FOR SEED-SOWING.

AS A RULE the time to sow seeds is in the spring. Many of the hardy annuals and biennials and perennials may be sown about September 1st. Poppy, Scabiosa, *Centaurea Cyanus*, *Calliopsis*, Annual Larkspur, *Callirhoe*, Sweet Williams, Carnations, Pinks, Columbine and many others can be sown at this time.

To have fine Pansies in the Spring, start the plants about August 1st. The plants will then be a mass of flowers about the time the Tulips are in bloom.

Seeds of *Nemophila*, White Candytuft, *Petunia*, *Portulaca*, *Verbena*, *Clintonia*, and *Calclalia* may be sown in October, or just before the ground freezes. These will remain dormant till Spring, then spring up as soon as the warm sunshine and showers wake the earth to new life.

It is a mistake to transplant seedlings late in the autumn. Unless well established in their new quarters before winter, they will succumb to the repeated freezing and thawing of the northern climate.

These suggestions will not do for the south. Where there is rarely frost in winter, such things as *Phlox Drummondii*, Pansies, *Cosmos*, *Petunias*, *Gilia*, *Salpiglossis*, *Verbenans* and Pinks should be started in autumn. They will then bloom during the winter months. A little care may be required by the seed-bed, but it will be amply repaid by the garden bloom during the winter months.

PLUME FERNS.

THE PLUME FERNS, such as the *Pierson* and *Tarrytown* Ferns, are likely to revert to their original form, when the conditions under which they are growing are unfavorable. They thrive in leaf-mould and sand with good drainage, and should be freely watered and given a place partly sheltered from the sun during their active period of growth. At other times they may be watered sparingly. The later introductions are



not so liable to reversion as the *Pierson* Fern, but are mostly more dwarf and less vigorous in habit, and consequently do not make as large and showy specimens as the *Pierson*, which, though the oldest, is perhaps, the most attractive of the lot.

Begonias Rotting.—When a *Begonia* gets chilled in autumn it is liable to rot at the joints, and drop its branches. If the soil is kept wet, as soon as cold weather comes the stem often decays at the ground, and the top is detached. The same trouble is experienced when the drainage is clogged, and the soil becomes water-logged. The remedy is to keep the plants in a temperature neither too warm nor cold, and not subject to severe changes; also, to see that the drainage is good, and the soil is not kept too wet, especially when the plant is in a partly dormant condition.

Crab Grass on the Lawn.—What is known as Crab Grass is generally known in botany as *Panicum sanguinale*, although variously classed by various botanists. It is an annual, introduced from Europe, and has become a weed in various sections of the United States. In the Southern states it is grown more or less for hay. Being an annual it is easily eradicated by repeatedly cutting it, to prevent seeding. When it infests a lawn the use of the lawn mower until late in the season will, in a few years, banish it entirely.

Passiflora.—At the North the various species are not hardy and should be treated as house plants during the winter. In Tennessee and the South, *Passiflora Edulis* is hardy and can be grown in the garden. The plants when grown in pots, however, are easily cared for during the winter, requiring only a place free from frost and watered sparingly during the winter months. In the spring they can be bedded out. The plants are easily grown from seeds and make beautiful vines for a trellis or hedge.

A FLORIDA HOME.

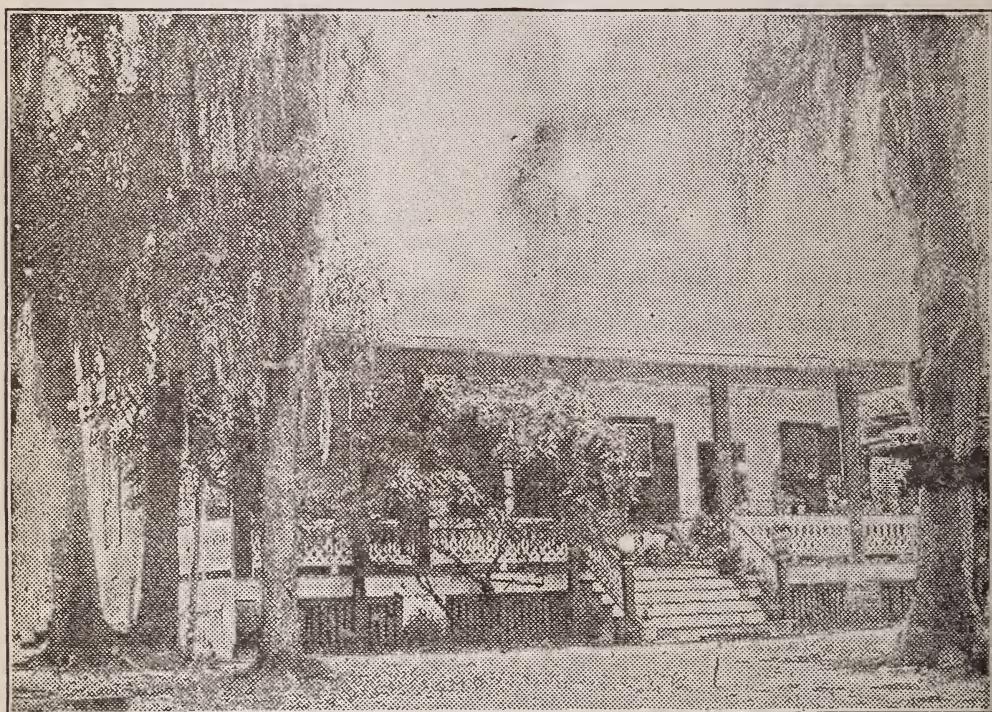
THE ENGRAVING presented on this page is from a photograph of the home of Lætro Tomassello, of Santa Rosa Co., Florida. The Live Oak trees show the beautiful weeping effect of the long, gray moss with which many of the trees of Florida are clothed.

In Florida they do not have cellars to their dwellings, and the foundation consists of little piers built upon the surface of the ground, the space between being closed by lath work, as indicated in the sketch.

In Florida many of our beautiful greenhouse vines and shrubs can be planted out,

home illustrated is a White Wisteria that every year develops its big showy clusters of bloom, while the many pot plants, which occupy the plant stands indicate the love of flowers of the inmates. Facing the Blackwater Bay, this cozy retreat is a source of comfort and pleasure the year 'round, to those who occupy it.

Rhododendron and Azalea.—A subscriber asks in what respect a Rhododendron differs from an Azalea, and how the two genera can be separated. There is but little distinction. The Rhododendron has mostly a bell-shaped corolla, ten exserted stamens, and evergreen leaves, while an Azalea has a



A HANDSOME FLORIDA HOME.

and these, with the many hardy plants used at the North make a rich variety of growing things for home adornment. Roses, especially, do well, and such vines as *Thunbergia grandiflora*, Scarlet *Passiflora*, *Solanum Wendlandi*, *Bignonia venusta*, etc., grow and bloom freely when trained to a wall or building, adding greatly to the beauty and attractiveness of the home and its surroundings. The lawn, too, can be decorated with Chinese Hibiscus, Crape Myrtle, Oleander, Bauhinia, Bougainvillea, *Grevillea* and Palms in variety, while beds of Coleus, Acalypha, Caladiums and *Impatiens Sultani* and *Holsti* make a fine display in the garden. Petunias, *Phlox Drummondii*, *Mesembryanthemum*, *Cosmos* and a host of the common seedling flowers are at home in the sandy soil of that state. Cactuses of all kinds also thrive and bloom luxuriantly in the warm, bright sunshine.

Trained upon the pillars of the piazza of the

funnel-form corolla, five long exserted stamens, and tardily deciduous leaves. *Azalea Mollis* is synonymous with *A. Sinensis*, and is a shrub from three to four feet high, with pilosely pubescent leaves, ciliated at the margin, and grayish beneath. Seedlings and hybrids of this species are under cultivation as Japanese Azaleas. The characteristics of both Rhododendrons and Azaleas vary more or less according to species, and can hardly be accurately known from description.

Pansies.—The finest Pansies are grown from seeds sown in July or August. Plants thus started will come into bud late in autumn and will be in full bloom early in the spring, rivaling the Hyacinths and Tulips. They need protection from the hot sun while young, but the spring sunshine will not hurt them. They will not do well in dense shade. Deep, moist, rich soil, an open situation partly protected from the midday sun, and freely picking the flowers will insure an abundant and continuous display for many weeks.

CHINA ASTERS.

WHAT we call Double or China Aster^s are races or kinds of *Callistephus Chinensis*, an annual introduced from China in 1731. The type produced purple flowers, and the plants grew two feet high, bearing large single or semi-double flowers. It was popular in flower gardens 50 years ago. Today only the improved varieties, either single or double, are cultivated, but they are hardly more enjoyable than those grown by our grandmothers, for in those days they were not troubled by the Aster Beetle, which has recently become so troublesome, destroying the beauty of the flowers almost before they have begun to expand.

The modern China Aster^s show a great range of forms and colors. Some are double, some single; some large, some small; some are globular and fluffy, others are flat-petaled and imbricated; but all are showy, of many colors and variegations, and very beautiful. The plants are easily grown from seeds, and easily cultivated.

Start the seeds in rows in a box or bed early in the spring, and as soon as danger from frost is past set them where they are to bloom. The soil should be deep and rich, and in a moist situation, well exposed to the sun. Well rotted manure freely incorporated with the soil will be found beneficial. Cultivate thoroughly, and mulch with short



CHINA ASTER.

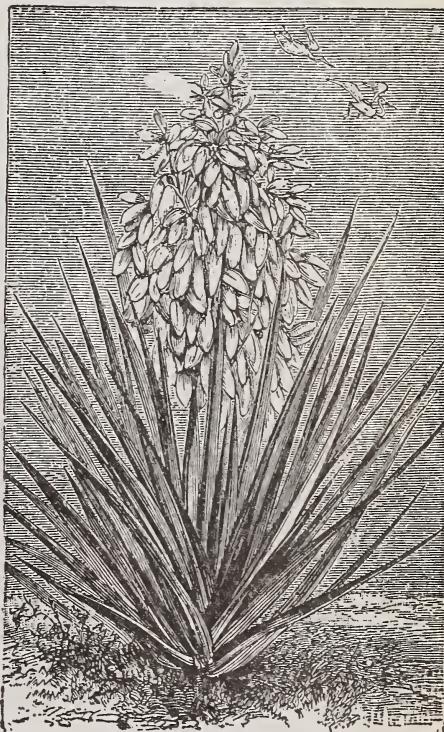
stable litter when hot weather approaches. Never let the bed suffer for want of water. When the buds begin to open sprinkle the plants with water into which has been stirred some fresh hellebore, an ounce of the powder to three gallons of water. This will prevent the ravages of the beetle. An effectual way of overcoming the beetle, also, is to pay the children a cent or two per hundred for gathering and killing them. By planting early-flowering Aster^s the beetles may be avoided, also by growing late-flowering ones. The beetle is always more troublesome during the height of the Aster season.

There are no special secrets in Aster culture. Getting the plants started early, a rich, sunny bed, and keeping the ground well worked and moist, and avoiding the ruinous work of the beetle, is all there is to it. The flower display will repay this small amount of care, and the pleasure afforded is equal to that from any other annual flower.

Protecting Plants.—More perennial plants are smothered by a heavy winter covering than protected. Often a few evergreen boughs over the bed, or a board set edgewise serves better than a thick covering.

YUCCA.

YUCCAS are beautiful plants, perfectly hardy, and can be used with good effect for decorative planting. The stiff, erect foliage retains its form and color throughout the year, and the large clump will show one or more big panicles of drooping white bells during the summer season. The



plants have deep roots, and will live and bloom in a sandy, dry place where many other plants would die. They are very desirable plants to group with Rhododendrons and other evergreens for a winter foliage display. The plants are easily grown either from seeds or offsets.

Maranta Kerchoveana.—A sister in Massachusetts asks about this foliage plant, described as follows:

I have a very handsome plant with leaves $4\frac{1}{2}$ to 5 inches long when fully grown, each leaf showing from six to eight large brown spots that look as though made with a brush. It seems to grow only so large, and thrives in the shade rather than in sunshine. The new little leaves first peep up through like a Lily leaf, and as fast as the new leaves develop the older ones brown at the margin and die.—Violet.

This plant is found in greenhouse collections, and is easily grown in a pot, soon developing into a handsome clump of fresh, spotted foliage. It likes a moist, rather warm temperature, and good drainage, and resents dryness and clogged soil by browning at the edges and dying, as described. It is a pretty plant when well grown, and deserves to be better known.

EDITORIAL LETTER.

PEAR READERS:—The next day I did some shopping in London, spent some time in various book stores, visited a seed-house, and at noon returned to my hotel, ate lunch, packed my grip, and was soon on my way to the underground railroad station. For some distance we traveled in the subway, but at last the train emerged from the darkness and ran for many miles upon an elevated track. Then passing through a land of suburban residences with handsome grounds and gardens, we reached the sea, and entering a small Dutch boat

Fig. 2

ated in a valley bordered by steep, cultivated hills that rise like mountains on either side. A beautiful, clear, swift-running mountain stream flows through the centre of the town, and the streets and gardens are often elevated upon made ground, to avoid overflowing. The chief industry of this old town is the making of mouth-organs, accordions and various reed instruments of that class. A few make violins and other string instruments. I was surprised at the low prices of the various manufactures. Handsome, well-made accordions could be purchased at \$1.25 per dozen, and the larger, first-class instruments, with all the improvements, beautifully made, cost only \$6.00 per dozen. Violins and other musical manufactures were equally low in price. These wares find a market in all the countries of the world, and many of them are exported, often in immense quantities. While I was there big orders were on hand by some of the leading firms from the great mail-order houses of Chicago and New York, as well as from houses in Paris, London and various German cities. The factories were not large, compared with the immense business done, and you see comparatively but few workmen. Why is it? Well, when you go



"Beautiful suburban gardens and grounds."

were soon landed at Flushing, Holland, where I boarded a train bound for Leipsic. It was now dark, and I traveled all night and part of the next forenoon before the city of Leipsic was called. There were many amusing and interesting incidents during this trip, but I will not take time to relate them.

From Leipsic I went at once to Klingenthal, which borders on Bohemia, where two weeks were pleasantly spent. The place was so-named because of the manufactories of bells and musical instruments. The town is situ-

out upon the streets you will not be long answering, for you will meet dog wagons, hand wagons, old pack women and young pack women, all loaded down with parts of instruments. Some have frames, some the reeds fitted and tuned, some other parts. All of these parts are prepared at the homes of the various peasants, and when brought together the manufacturer simply adjusts these parts, and puts on the finishing touches. I visited the homes of some of the peasants—little one-storied log huts of three or four rooms, often

two or more houses built together, to accommodate as many families, and a cow stable between them to accommodate the cows, for they keep their families largely upon milk.

Away up on the top of the high, steep, cultivated hill was the summer and winter resort of Kammerrun, where accommodations were found, and here, surrounded by pines and heather, overlooking the deep "Klingenthal Valley" on one side, and the thickly settled land of Bohemia on the other, the mild Bohemian breeze was fully enjoyed. Unlike Germany, the Bohemian landscape is thickly dotted over with houses, most of which are painted white or whitewashed, each accompanied by its farm, of probably not more than five or ten acres, mostly devoted to wheat and grass. Here and there a little timber plot yields its part to the beauty of the scene. In a little dell in the distance appeared a few cozy buildings with a church spire, surmounted by a golden cross sparkling in the sunlight. But this is Bohemia! Apparently every house is a little work-shop, where the man and his ill-clad children work from dawn till dark fitting together the parts of musical instruments, and the women daily "toat" the finished parts to the factory in Klingenthal and bring back more material to work. Down and up that awful hill, by a steep path two miles or more long, bearing the big, heavy burden upon their backs, stooped and jaded and old-looking for their years, these Bohemian and German peasants trudge daily from year to year, knowing no other way but the slavery that entrals them. But what of the men! Well, you rarely see them bearing a burden, and they evidently enjoy the Bohemian life. On Sunday morning they gather at the little church during mass, and the rest of the day congregate in groups, playing games and having a good time generally. Beer seems to be kept at every resort, and the resorts are numerous. In the evening they assemble with their frows and sweethearts at these many resorts, and there they smoke and drink beer and dance and sing until the sun begins to tinge the eastern sky. This is Bohemian life, and it is all that the name implies.

Down the Klingenthal Valley, three or four miles distant, is the old Bohemian town of Grasslitz. What a curious, quaint old place it is, with its narrow, crooked, cobbled streets, low, ancient houses, antiquated churches and towers, etc. Here are several family potteries, where artistic clay work is fashioned, painted and burned to order. The same stream that flows through Klingenthal flows through Grasslitz, winding around among and beneath the houses and streets in a curious manner. Here and there I saw a house with a niche in front covered by a glass, and containing fancy colored figures of the Madonna and Christ, sometimes with a Latin inscription. A curious old German custom is to have an inscription on the front wall of the house, sometimes a scripture text, but more

often a reproof or expression of advice. Thus, on a dwelling house in Klingenthal I saw this statement in big letters that could be read from the street:

"Freund sich auf dich und nicht auf mich,
wenn Ich was fehlt so bessere dich."

Translated—

Friend look to yourself, and not to me.
In what I fail, you do better.

I shall never forget the glorious picture of the mountain sides on the way to Grasslitz. The various crops were cultivated in little square or oblong patches, some appearing red, some yellow, some brown and some green. The whole looked like a gigantic quilt spread over the mountain. The land was all in cultivation, and the "farm patch work" extended for miles and miles. I looked and looked in admiration, and the grandeur and beauty of the scene still lingers in memory. It will always be pleasantly recalled.

Yours truly,
LaPark, Pa., Oct. 20, 1909. The Editor.

Autumn Foliage Bed.—A beautiful mound of autumn foliage can be made by planting a white Dogwood (*Cornus floridus*) and surrounding it with the Scarlet Sumac (*Rhus glabra*). Three or more specimens of Dogwood may be grouped together, and surrounded by two or three rows of Sumac, according to the size you wish the bed. The Dogwood branches may be cut back to give the group the shape desired, and the Sumac can be shaped by pruning to give the margin a close, symmetrical form. The Dogwood will make a fine display with its large white flowers in spring, and in autumn the scarlet fruits and showy red foliage becomes an object of attraction and admiration. The Sumac blooms in mid-summer, showing big panicles of bloom, followed by scarlet fruits, and in autumn becomes a mass of the richest scarlet foliage. The whole is gorgeous in Autumn.

Window Geraniums.—To have Geraniums bloom well in the window use free-blooming varieties and give them a sunny exposure and a rather warm, even temperature. Also, the plants should be grown in pots during the summer, being shifted regularly as they develop, until they occupy five-inch pots, and are stocky and branching, ready to throw up numerous clusters of bloom. As a rule such varieties as Mrs. E. G. Hill, Mars, America, Dryden, Wonder, White Swan and other single-flowered sorts of dwarf habit are preferable. Whatever may be the varieties, however, the plants must be grown in full sunshine, and have a reasonable supply of heat. They will do no good in a place devoid of sunshine and where the temperature is cold and uneven.

Gaillardia Grandiflora.—The large-flowered perennial Gaillardia begins to bloom the first season from seeds, and the plants last for years. Once established in a bed the plants make a fine, continuous display all season, if freely cut.



CHILDREN'S LETTER

MY DEAR CHILDREN:—Once more Dandelion time has come, and the little golden flowers smile upon me by the pathway every day as I go from my home to my office. And not only do the flowers brighten my pathway, but the little "candles" that succeed the flowers, hold up their silvery torches, and remind me of the days when I was a child, and delighted in culling the flowers, blowing out the candles, and making ringlets of the bitter, hollow stems. How impatient the little buds seem! Many cannot wait until spring, but open their golden eyes in autumn; and if we examine a plant we find a dozen baby buds beneath the earth covering, awaiting their turn to see the light. Some of them may have to wait four or five months before it comes their turn to develop, but like good children, they will not complain until Mother Nature says "next!"

And not only do the Dandelions recall the early springtime, but the little birds among the trees and shrubbery above and beside the pathway sing just as they did in early spring. All the little song sparrows seem to vie with each other in singing their sweetest songs; and, do you know, they take me back in memory to the old farm and its sugar trees and maple syrup. For did not the little song sparrows cheer me then, when the spring snows were melting, and the big trees were pouring out their sap to sweeten life and make it happier? How melodious the tender notes—exquisite chords, but—ah, they strike a chord in the heart that gives it a touch of sadness—they remind us of passing time and

passing life. Yes, and I sometimes think the autumn bird-songs have a more tender, regretful tune, as if the little feathered friends were loath to leave us and their pleasant summer haunts to go to their far southern home. Why, the other morning, as I passed the thicket of Hazel bushes, a pair of dear little blue birds hopped to the top of the branches hung with the worm-like buds already formed for early spring opening, and in their sweetest, tenderest tones they called to me "Fare-you-well, Fare-you-well."



Ringlets.



Bud and Bloom

And I—well I just said "Fare-you-well, my dear feathered friends, Fare-you-well. I may not see you again, but I wish you safety and joy in your southern home—Fare-you-well." And I have not seen or heard them since.

But as I passed down the path today I saw something glowing away over in the Perennial garden, and I took the trouble to go over and see what it was. Well, what do you suppose it was! Just a great big belated Perennial Poppy, perfect in form, with the richest scarlet petals and a wealth of dark purplish chocolate stamens in the centre. It was one of the several stray buds that opened to brighten the autumn garden, and the one left to bloom alone, defying frost and cold and rain. I plucked the big glowing flower, and it now adorns my table as I write. As a rule these big Poppies come in springtime, and are a glorious part of the garden when in full bloom.

Near the Poppy, and equally as handsome,



Just a great big Perennial Poppy.

though less showy, was a group of Perennial Larkspur, the spikes of blue and violet flowers standing erect and bold, regardless of the severe hand of Jack Frost upon other garden flowers. A border of Petunias was still more attractive, and a bed of French Marigolds with an edging of the bright little *Tagetes signata pumila* still show masses of rich golden bloom. A row, too, of Sweet Alyssum seems to glory in the cool, autumn weather, and shows a long, narrow sheet of sweet, white clusters.

I like the trees and shrubs that develop their foliage early, and hold it till late in autumn. The Willows are such. The Pussy Willow, *Salix discolor*, shows its soft, richly scented blooms before the snow is gone in the spring, and its foliage quickly follows, to delight us with its rich green foliage till winter. The Weeping Willow, *Salix Babylonica*, develops its foliage as soon as the sun begins to warm the earth in the spring, and holds it almost till Christmas; and so I might speak of other Willows. The Privet, Cherry and Apple; the Lilac, Deutzia and Bacharis *halimifolia*; the Tilia, Alder and Poplar—all retain their green color till long after the first frosts of autumn, and thus extend the beauty of the summertime.

But the glory of autumn is in the rich col-



Dear little Song Sparrows.



Per. Larkspur.

ored foliage, as well as in the cool, clear, hazy days. We admire the bright tints of the Woodbine (*Ampelopsis*), which appears almost before the coming of Jack Frost; we rejoice in the nutting season, when the Shell-barks and Chestnuts and Hazelnuts drop from their snug coverings; and we admire and praise the glowing scarlet of the Gum tree, the golden yellow of the Tulip tree and Hickory, and the lovely tints and variegations of the Maples. The bronzy hues of Thunberg's Barberry and Paniced Dogwood, the ripening shades of the Haw and Viburnum and Ilex fruits; and the late fading Aster blooms, all portend the closing days of summer.

Even the little rabbit scampers

Pussy Willow. from place to place as the leaves that shielded him in summer fade and fall. But every season has its attractions. We look and admire and reflect, and are drawn closer to Nature and Nature's God, and thus life passes.

Shall we not enjoy Nutting time is at hand. each day as it comes, and look upon its bright side? Soon the joyous spring will again come, and the many tokens of her coming, as before stated, are at hand, even now, if we will but see them. Then again will hope revive, and the sweets of summer and of life among the flowers and fruits again be enjoyed with renewed pleasure.

Your friend,
LaPark, Pa., Oct. 18, 1909. The Editor.

Asparagus.—Once a year the Decorative Asparagus loses its leaves and branches, and takes a rest. As soon as the foliage begins to fade with-hold water partially and keep in a cool, retired place for several weeks, then repot, in a larger vessel if convenient, or replace some of the surface soil with fresh, rich soil, and begin gradually to water, bringing the plant to the light and heat of the window again.

Tuberoses and Callas.—These plants should have a rest during winter. Lift them early, before severe frost injures the bulbs; dry them off, and keep them in a dry place during winter, the temperature being above 50° Fah. When kept continuously growing in pots they fail to bloom. They do better if bedded out in a partial shade in the summer, and lifted and kept dry in winter.

Bedded Amaryllis.—When Amaryllis Johnsoni or the Hybrids are bedded out in summer lift them when cold weather comes, shake the soil from the roots, storing in a dry, frost-proof place during winter. Do not cut the leaves off, but let them dry upon the bulb. Thus treated the bulbs will bloom every summer, and are no trouble to care for in winter.



POT the dry tuber in a pot that compares with its size, ranging from four inches to ten inches in diameter. Set it two or three inches beneath the surface, for the roots mostly develop at the crown. See that the drainage is good and the soil porous. In a short time the foliage and waxy bloom will appear. Keep well watered,



CALLA LILY.

and in partial shade. When the bloom begins to fade cut the stem as low as possible without injury to the bud you will find at its base. When this bud develops treat it as before, and you will sometimes get three flowers from one tuber. The larger the tuber and pot the larger will be the foliage and flower.

Non-blooming Paeonies.—When Paeonies fail to bloom, it is mostly due to improper soil or situation. A sandy, well-drained soil is preferable, and when a plant fails to develop buds or flowers, apply a dressing of fresh slaked lime and stir it into the surface soil. Occasionally for some reason, a plant will fail to develop buds repeatedly. If such plants do not respond to the treatment suggested, change them to a different exposure and different soil in which they are growing. There is a variation in the blooming qualities of varieties, and where the plants fail to bloom it is well to replace them with varieties that are known to be free-blooming and free in developing.

Tuberoses and Lilies Blighting.—When the flower-buds of Tuberoses and hardy Lilies turn brown and drop, it is mostly due to too much heat about the roots. If the plants are mulched with stable litter or even coal ashes, as the heated term approaches, the flowers will generally develop satisfactorily. When planted at the north side of a picket fence or where the plants will be protected from the hot sun during mid-day, the flowers will mostly open satisfactorily. When Tuberoses fail to throw up a flower-stalk, it is mostly due to improper care during the winter or to planting the bulbs too early in the open ground.

Planting Lily Seeds.—The time to plant *Lilium Tenuifolium*, the Coral Lily of Siberia, is in the spring of the year. Use sandy soil well drained and set the seeds upon their edge an eighth of an inch below the surface; water regularly but not too freely.



THE ORIENTAL MULLEIN.

MONG the stately and showy biennial flowers the Oriental Mullein, *Verbascum Olympicum*, deserves a prominent place. In good soil and an open situation the plant will grow six feet high, with a wealth of silvery leaves symmetrically arranged at the base, and a thick stem branching in candelabra form, covered with a glorious array of golden flowers. As I write, (October 29), a handsome belated specimen stands in the perennial garden that is just going out of flower, though the regular flowering period is during mid-summer and early autumn. The seeds are small, but germinate without difficulty. They should be sown in spring or early summer to bloom in good time the following season. If sown late they will bloom late. The young plants are perfectly hardy and will endure the most severe winter without injury from frost. After a plant blooms it dies, and a new seedling plant must take its place. Grouped together upon the lawn border or in the background few plants are more effective when in bloom, and their stateliness and showiness always excite admiration.

ABOUT GODETIAS.

GODETIAS are California annuals, botanically known as species of *Oenothera*. Most of those cultivated are hybrids of *Rubicunda*, *Lindleyana*,

Whitneyi and *Venosa*. They are annuals growing from six inches to a foot high or higher, and covered during the summer with large, showy flowers of various colors, as rose, crimson, lilac and white, mostly with a conspicuous dark blotch at the base of each petal. The

plants branch, as shown in the little engraving, and when standing eight or ten inches apart they become a glowing mass of bloom, almost dazzling the eye with brilliancy. The larger engraving represents a cluster of the flowers.

I shall not soon forget the display of Godetias in the big seed garden at Erfurt, Germany. There were acres upon acres of them, all grouped in separate colors or varieties, and all thrifty and in full bloom. To see those gorgeous beds the question at once arises, why are these flowers not freely cultivated in their native place, America? Well, the truth is, that the hot weather of the Eastern states does not suit them. They thrive on the Pacific coast, and bloom well in the East until hot, dry weather comes, then they dwindle

away. Some seasons are more favorable, and the plants more satisfactory, as this letter from a western subscriber, dated Aug. 4, '09, shows:

Mr. Editor:—My Godetias this year were the envy of all my friends, being nearly three feet tall, and a dense mass of deep red and pink blossoms. They are excellent for cutting, need very little care, and thrive in a medium location.—Mrs. V., Reno, Nevada.

The care required is simply to sow the seeds in the fall in the South, or early in spring in the North, in rows eight inches apart, thinning the plants to six or eight inches apart.



Plant of Godetia.



BLOOMS OF THE GODETIA.

STARTING PERENNIAL PHLOX

AS A RULE the beautiful varieties of Perennial Phlox are raised from cuttings of the young sprouts taken early in the season, though plants may be increased by division and seed-sowing. If the seeds are sown in the fall, they usually come up well in the spring, and make fine plants the first season. When the seeds are saved from choice varieties a good percentage of the plants will yield beautiful flowers in fine large clusters, and the varied plants, often showing new forms and new shades, are a source of much pleasure and satisfaction. Following is a letter from an Ohio sister, regarding her experience with Phlox:

Mr. Editor:—I have been experimenting with Hardy Phlox, and have raised many seedlings, some very beautiful ones. I have three varieties with fringed and notched edges, like the flowers of some annual Phloxes. One is pure white; one is flaked and striped with lavender pink, and quite variable, some blossoms being pure white and others nearly all pink; the other is a beautiful light pink with crimson center, very large blossoms and very large clusters, all notched and fringed. A. B. Weston, Ohio.

The Perennial Phloxes are all so hardy and beautiful as garden plants that it seems very strange their culture is not more general. The fringed flowers referred to above are not common, and deserve to be better known. Once established the plants will last for years, increasing in size and beauty with age. A good collection, embracing all the choice varieties, should be in every garden.

Dividing Asparagus.—As a rule the various species of Asparagus are propagated from seeds, which germinate rather tardily, the plants appearing in from four to six weeks. When a plant becomes large, however, it can be increased by division, as indicated by a subscriber from Shelby County, Ohio:

Mr. Editor:—A few years ago I ordered a package of Asparagus seeds, and succeeded in getting a fine pot of Asparagus Sprengerii. Last spring the plant became pot-bound, and by dividing it into halves the result was two beautiful pot plants instead of one.—Mrs. W. E. P., Oct. 7.

BOSTON SMILAX.

THE DECORATIVE species of *A. plurig*us, which are of more recent introduction, have somewhat displaced the Boston Smilax, formerly so popular in designs. The plant is still prized by amateurs, however, as the following letter attests:



BOSTON SMILAX.

The plant is a pleasure the entire winter.
Shelby Co., Ohio. Mrs. W.E. Partington.

Mr. Editor:—My Boston Smilax has been much admired, and while it is not cultivated by many, it is easy to grow from seeds or cuttings. I give the little vines a thread to grow upon, and when it gets too long for the window I pin the delicate sprays in a drapery to my lace curtains. The blossoms are very fragrant, and

ripe with which the vine is laden. I thought it might be a kind of gourd. The vine abounds all over with these speckled fruits, and is just beautiful. No one who sees it, has seen anything like it. I wish to know the name of this vine, and also if the fruits are poisonous, if the children should try to taste them. They are so pretty that they are tempting to children.

Mrs. J. W. B. Mo.

White Fly.—A "White Fly" that infests greenhouses, particularly such plants as Fuchsias, Nasturtiums and Salvias, can hardly be eradicated by ordinary insecticides, as tobacco-smoke does not affect them, and they evade spraying materials. The best remedy is to isolate affected plants, and when they are troubled place a cloth frame quietly over them and blow pyrethrum powder into the enclosure. This is sure death to all insects when effectively applied, and by thus confining the plants and their insect pests, there is no difficulty in applying the remedy. Several applications may be necessary, as the ova beneath the leaves will continue to develop insects for some days, unless removed by a sponge or brush.

Nemophila.—A very pretty little California Annual is Nemophila, the seeds of which can be successfully sown in autumn. The plants are of prostrate habit, only about six inches high, and are free-blooming in spring and early summer. They do not like the hot, dry weather of late summer and autumn. The flowers vary from white to blue, and some are beautifully blotched or spotted. The seeds start readily, and the plants require but little attention, except to keep the weeds from among them.



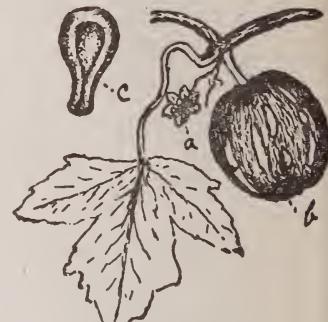
NEMOPHILA BLOOMS.

Propagating Hydrangea paniculata.—To propagate *Hydrangea paniculata* take the young growth with a heel early in summer, insert in sand, and keep moist and in a shady place where it will not be subject to draughts of air. Treated in this way almost every slip will become a well-rooted plant.

A HANDSOME VINE.

HERE IS A LETTER from Independence, Missouri, that reached the Editor on October 1st:

Mr. Editor:—Last spring I got a mixed package of seeds, and one of the largest I took out and planted in a pot in the window. It came up, and when three inches high I transplanted it out by the front porch. It soon showed it was a climber, and although I had a nice Clematis to climb there, I gave the new plant a stake and string, and I never saw a vine to equal it in growth. It has gone all over the Clematis, around the end of the porch, and completely covered a White Rambler Rose. Now I am sending you two fruits, one ripe and one unripe with which the vine is laden. I thought it might be a kind of gourd. The vine abounds all over with these speckled fruits, and is just beautiful. No one who sees it, has seen anything like it. I wish to know the name of this vine, and also if the fruits are poisonous, if the children should try to taste them. They are so pretty that they are tempting to children.



BRYONOPSIS LACINIOSA.

This vine is *Bryonopsis laciniosa* and was described and illustrated on page 152, October issue. The illustration is repeated here. A, is the flower, which is white, inconspicuous, and comes in little clusters. The flowers are succeeded by the little fruits, b, in clusters. These are about the size of playing marbles, and are green with white markings, as indicated in the sketch. Each fruit contains several seeds, one of which is represented at c. The leaves are laciniate, as shown, and have a tendril-like stem. The fruits become red with white spots as they ripen, and are very pretty. They are not edible, but would not be poisonous if tasted. The vine belongs to the gourd family, and is an easily-grown and desirable pillar vine, graceful in growth, not subject to insects, and always admired.

Non-blooming Jasmines.—There are many species of *Jasminum*, some for the garden, some for the greenhouse, and some for the hot-house. The hot-house varieties frequently do not bloom satisfactorily in the hands of an amateur, because the temperature is not hot enough or even enough to suit it. In good soil, with liberal root-room, partial shade, a rather free supply of water, and a warm, even temperature, there will be no reason to complain of non-blooming. The red spider is the most troublesome pest, and it is easily subdued by the free use of the syringe and cold water.

Otaheite Orange.—See that the drainage is good, and water regularly while growing. While inactive, water sparingly. Syringe the foliage or sponge it off occasionally, to prevent an attack of red spider, which will cause the leaves to curl and drop off.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Iris and Paeonies.—The German and Japan Iris and Paeonies of various kinds may be reset in Autumn, but it is better to wait until early Spring. If set as soon as the ground can be worked in the spring, and the earth made firm about the plants, they will do well. If set late in the autumn, at the North, the plants are liable to be more or less injured or thrown out by frost during the winter.



IRIS.

Sowing Seeds.—Seeds of white Candytuft, common Petunia, Centaurea, Scabiosa, Portulaca, Carduus, Poppy, Argemone, An- ual Larkspur, and many other hardy annuals can be sown late in the fall. They are then ready to come

up early in the spring, almost before the ground can be brought into cultivation, and will bloom before the hot summer weather comes. Such seeds may also be sown very early in spring.

A Fine Native Aster.—Among the many species of Aster that are found growing and blooming in the fields and woods and swamps during the Autumn, none surpass in showiness and beauty Aster Novæ Angliæ. It grows from four to six feet high, and is covered with large, purple, Daisy-like flowers late in the season.

It is usually found in damp or boggy places and along streams. Transplanted to the garden it is improved, and becomes one of our finest late garden flowers.

In Favor of Petunia.—As an all-round flower for amateur cultivation the Petunia is not excelled. It has more points in

its favor than any other garden flower. The plants are easily started from seeds, begin to bloom early, and bloom freely and continuously throughout the season. The flowers are large, showy, of delicate texture, rich and varied in color, and delightfully fragrant. The plants will thrive in any

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PETUNIA.

frost, rain and wind, and they have no enemies. They make a glorious bed in summer, and grown in pots are equally showy and beautiful in winter. Is there any other flower of which all this can be truthfully said?

Plant Lice.—In some sections of our country the old-fashioned Snowball, Scarlet Trumpet Honeysuckle and American Euonymus are so troubled with plant lice early in summer that they are almost useless as ornamental shrubs. The pest hibernates upon the bark and about the buds during winter, ready to begin their depredations as soon as warm weather comes in the spring. If treated now with a good insecticide, and the pest banished in their resting state, the plants will not suffer as they otherwise do early in the season. Try it.



PLANT LOUSE.

The Water Plantain.—*Alisma plantago*, known as Water Plantain, is a handsome native water plant that deserves a place in every aquatic collection. It has large, Calla-like leaves, and from the root spring several vigorous flower stems, each bearing a many-divided, bushy panicle of inconspicuous flowers, making a grand big mass of delicate green, exciting the admiration of all who see it. The plants are easily raised from seeds, and will thrive by the water's edge in full sunshine.

DUTCH HYACINTHS.



NOVÆ ANGLIÆ.

THE DUTCH HYACINTHS justly stand at the head of the list of Dutch Hardy Bulbs. Whether for garden culture or the window they are unsurpassed in ease of culture and beauty of bloom. The single varieties are preferable, as they are more graceful, come into bloom earlier, and are quite as showy and fragrant as the double-flowered sorts. The larger sized bulbs should be used for the window, but the smaller ones are preferable for bedding, as the smaller bulbs will improve for several years, while the larger ones make a fine show for a year, then deteriorate. The soil for Hyacinths should be rich, porous and well drained. Make the bed in a sunny situation, as bulbs grown in shade are liable to rot after blooming. Set five inches apart, and five inches deep, firm the soil, and in December cover with stable litter.



DUTCH HYACINTH.

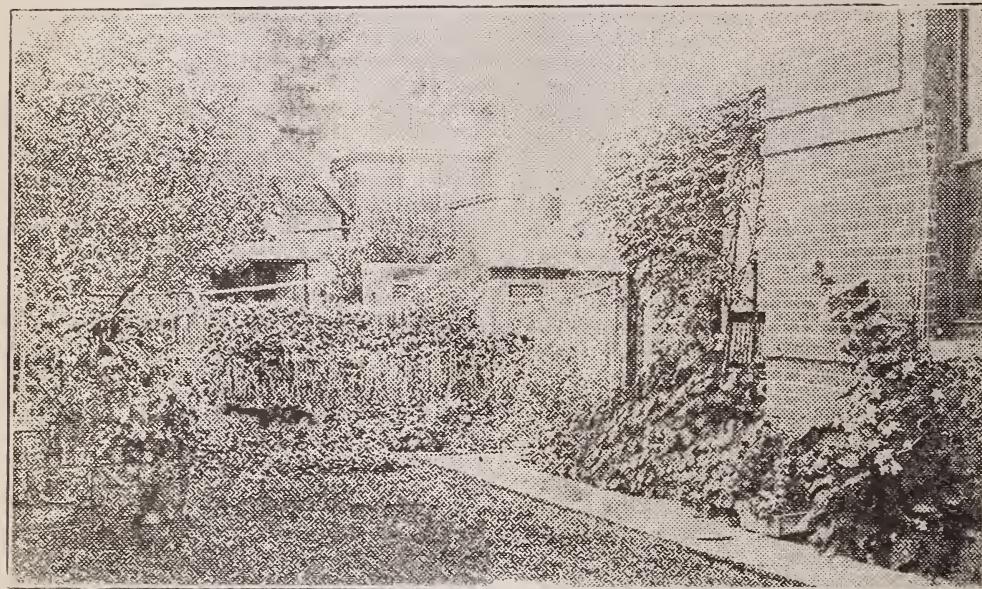
A CITY BACK YARD.

HERE is a picture of the back yard of my city home. The illustration does not show in detail many of the plants and flowers and vines that were so beautiful during their growing and blooming period, but enough may be seen to give some idea of what can be grown even in the limited space of a city lot. The Nicotianas and Four-o'clocks by the wall, opened their lovely, fragrant flowers in the evening, delighting the eye, and making the air redolent with their sweet perfume. The Nasturtiums by the piazza, were a mass of green foliage, dotted with rich-colored, fragrant bloom, and the Wisteria and Clematis Vines covered the pillars and hung in lovely festoons from the eaves, thus affording shade, beauty and perfume.

At the rear were tall annuals, such as Sun-

PREPARING FLOWER SOIL.

TAKE a dry-goods box holding three bushels, or larger if I can get it, set in a convenient place on the lawn, and start with a layer of fresh stable manure about three inches thick, then twice as much of the poorest soil on the place, and so on until it is nearly full. If done in the fall it will be settled by spring, when a few inches of good soil is placed on top. Nasturtiums are sown around the edges, while the center may be utilized with slips, or some plants, as desired. Being elevated it will require copious watering to keep moisture all through, and assist decay. In a year's time this will be fine for perennials and all out-of-door plants. For house plants it should stand two years, and then be mixed with plain dirt and some sand. If placed on the sunny side of a tree, some



A CITY BACK YARD.

flowers, Persicaria, Ricinus and Cosmos, while Asters, Zinnias, Stocks and other free-blooming seedling flowers occupied the foreground. Sweet Peas and some of the more vigorous annual vines adorned the fence and acted as screens. All of these flowers we found of easy culture, and they afforded a great deal of pleasure to the family. We not only enjoyed their beauty in the garden, but had an abundance for vases to adorn our rooms, and bouquets to delight our visiting friends and the neighboring sick. Those who are without a little space for flowers do not know how much home enjoyment they miss.

Arapahoe Co., Col., Oct. 11, 1909. Mrs. C.

Dryden Geranium.—I have a Dryden Geranium four years old that has never been out of bloom summer nor winter, only when I picked the buds off. It had 17 bunches of bloom on it in winter. It is rosy crimson with white on upper petals. Jean Viaud is like it, but lighter in color. Mrs. S. M. Jones.

Fulton Co., Ark.

delicate vine, like Cypress, may be sown next the tree and started up with strings.

If the box is very large, it is a good plan to place a four-inch tile in the center; before filling add another tile. Several thicknesses of cotton cloth laid on the edge of the lower tile, before putting on the next, will keep it from leaking too much at that place. Keep this filled with water. The box may be painted some nice color, contrasting perhaps with the vines. This is a good way for town folks. In the country good dirt may be had with less trouble.

Buckley, Ill.

A. T. C.

Swainsonia Alba.—What a beauty this Swainsonia is! The foliage is as pretty as a Fern, and always covered with great long clusters of white, Pea-shaped blooms. Mine came by mail and when I potted it the leaves all dropped off the stems, and I cut the plant down to the soil. It soon put up four stalks; in two months it was two feet high, loaded with bloom, which lasted all winter.

Fulton Co., Ark.

Mrs. S. M. Jones.

**PEPPERS AS ORNAMENTAL PLANTS.**

THE many varieties of Capsicum or Pepper differ greatly in form and color, and well-grown plants are very showy in garden beds, and beautiful as pot plants for the window. The fruits color up in autumn, and if the plants desired are then potted firmly they may be safely placed in the house, where they will prove highly decorative until after Christmas. Buy and plant the seeds in mixture in the spring. The colored engraving indicates some of the handsome forms, useful for decoration as well as culinary work.

THE GARDEN CABIN.

CLEMATIS.

MR EDITOR:

VEN before I saw your editorial notice asking that garden views be sent you, I had made up my mind to send you the picture lately taken of the log cabin on the rear of our lot. I wanted you to see your work through your seeds and bulbs.

The cabin was built about eight years ago. The building itself is 18 x 22 feet. It is divided into two rooms. The south room is used as a garden-tool storage place. Here is kept wheel-barrow, lawn mower, hose, and all other garden requisites. The north room, fitted up in Japanese style, is our summer parlor. The west porch shown in the picture, is 7 x 15 feet. It is screened in. The windows are on hinges, and can be raised up to the

OST OF US are familiar with the beautiful feathery white blooms of Clematis paniculata, and many of us with the dark, rich, purple blooms of *C. Jackmanii*, but not many of us are acquainted with the lovely large, free-blooming blue Clematis from China, known as *Ramosia*; and the white satin-like *Duchess of Edinboro*, that looks as if it had been sprinkled with diamond-dust—the finest one of all. The flowers of this are enormous, and beautiful beyond description. *C. Henryii*, a single white is very pretty. Mme. Baron Veillard has not bloomed for me, and I am anxiously awaiting her flowers. Of eight Clematis I purchased



THE LOG CABIN IN THE GARDEN.

roof. The southern and western exposure makes this porch an ideal germinating place. Many of my flower and vegetable seeds start their growth on this porch. On the east side of the cabin, the frame work of which is composed entirely of logs, is a large 10 x 19 foot porch. It also is screened in. Here we spend our afternoons and evenings. The hottest nights elsewhere are never known on this porch, for old Lake Michigan is but fifty feet away, and sends us continually her cooling breezes.

M. W. B.

Chicago, Ill., Oct. 14, 1909.

A Fine Bed.—A bed of *Salvia splendens* edged with *Alyssum*, *Candytuft*, or *Ageratum*, is beautiful. All are floriferous, and good for cut flowers; and all are easily grown from seeds.

Mrs. Fred. Orne.

Orleans Co., Vt., Aug. 14, 1909.

two died, but anyone that lived has more than repaid me for the price of the entire collection.

Mrs. Julian J. Matheson.

Marlboro Co., S. C., Oct. 12, 1909.

The Madeira Vine.—The Madeira Vine covers the entrance to our north porch. It is a rapid-growing vine, covering a large space in a short time. The leaves are heart-shaped, fleshy, densely borne, and of a handsome light green color. Late in summer the foliage is almost hidden by the wealth of pearley, deliciously fragrant flowers. It is a beautiful and popular vine for summer screens. The tubers keep well in a frost-proof cellar in the Northern states; in Florida and Alabama they remain out all winter, and throw up larger and more attractive vines every succeeding year.

Mrs. Tomasello.

Santa Rosa Co., Fla., Oct. 7, 1909.

CLEMATIS AS A SCREEN.

NOR CONCEALING or screening an unsightly fence or building I can recommend *Clematis paniculata*. It makes a rapid growth early in the season, covering with its vines and foliage the pickets of a fence, or making a dense screen when trained upon a wire support against a wall or building. This vine is perfectly hardy, and in



CLEMATIS PANICULATA.

autumn becomes a cloud of white bloom, as indicated in the little illustration. After the flowers fade the masses of plumed seeds appear, curious and interesting, though not so showy as the flowers. The plants are easily started from fresh seeds sown in the spring, and begin to bloom when about three years old.

Mrs. C.

Arapahoe Co., Col., Oct. 11, 1909.

ROSES IN COLORADO.

IHAVE tried some tender Roses here this year. I had seen none grown in the five years I have been in this country. Our altitude is over 7,000 feet, and I feared it would be too cold for them. But "nothing ventured, nothing won," so a dollar's worth was sent for, which proved to be 19 of the dealer's selection, assorted. They were set just before May 30, and covered with glass jars. A very cold rain, almost a snow, followed, but all lived and grew. Today, October 2, I have picked 49 blossoms, some of which were beauties, and there are many buds. Only five have failed to bloom, and they appear to thrive under irrigation. They shall soon be taken up, as I will not dare try to keep them outside, as we have so much sun and wind in winter. This is an experiment with which I am well pleased.

Mary E. Lester.

Huerfano Co., Col., Oct. 2, 1909.

SEEDLING VINES.

IHAD COBEEA SCANDENS and Cypress Vines on my front porch this summer, and they both did splendid. The Cobeea Scandens drew forth many exclamations of admiration, many people stopping to ask its name. It will stand severe frost.

The Cypress, planted at Cobeea Scandens.

the east end of the porch, twined with the Dorothy Perkins Rose, and with its feathery foliage and handsome little star-shaped bloom was a beautiful sight all summer long.

I also had *Cardiospermum*, one vine covering a trellis 6 x 10 feet, and it was certainly magnificent. You may gain some idea of its profusion of balloons when I tell

you that I saved nearly a pint of seeds from this one vine. I strongly recommend all three of these vines for their great beauty and shade-making qualities. They were not bothered by insects of any kind. Mrs. W. E. Jay.

Lorain Co., Ohio.



Cypress Vine.

Primroses From Seeds.—Last spring I got three packets of Chinese Primrose seeds for 10 cents, and raised a great many plants. The seeds were sown in a box of sifted woods dirt, with a layer of sand on top, the seeds being sifted in with the sand. The box was then carefully watered. The seeds started tardily, the plants appearing in about three weeks. I kept the box in a shady place during summer. The plants were potted in due time, and shifted sometime later into larger pots and given a place in my window as winter approached. I was well repaid. The plants grew and bloomed freely, and made a lovely display. Many of the stems had two or three tiers of bloom. The plants need plenty of water, good drainage, and a shady place out-doors all summer. Pot in rich soil, sand, woods earth and manure, well mixed.

Mary E. R.

West Lynn, Mass.

Hollyhock Pest.—I have found a remedy for the Hollyhock pest: one tablespoonful permanganate of potash to a pint of water, used as a spray, and repeated twice a week.

Ruth Sterry.

Elizabeth, N. J.

FAREWELL TO THE OLD HOME.

Fare-thee-well, thou dear old homestead,
I am leaving thee for aye;
Tender memories cluster round thee
Of life's golden, dawning day.

I must leave thee, duty calls me
To a path I now must tread;
Here no longer I must linger,
Childhood's sunny years have fled.

Home, thou hast sheltered youth from dangers
Like a blossom from the blast,
And the tender years of childhood
'Mid thy quiet haunts were passed.

Transient as the dews of morning,
Like a blossom, fleet and fair,
Are the tender years of childhood,
Fraught with youth's undoubting prayer.

For no doubts are in the bosom,
Beating then so warm and true;
Beautiful is life's fair morning,
Radiant with life's early dew.

But the early hours are fleeting,
And the noontide comes apace,
Calls us forth unto life's labors,
Each to his appointed place.

And where we so oft have wandered
O'er the hills, or by the stream,
Gathered early flowers of springtime
While we dreamed youth's golden dream,

Other feet will tread the pathways,
Other hands will gather flowers,
When we've left the dear old homestead
Never more to roam its bowers.

But the music Nature taught us
While we roamed so glad and free,
Through the clover-scented meadows,
Never shall forgotten be.

Will you miss me, my June Lilies,
Bending down your meek heads low?
And ye Roses, loved companions,
Soon, so soon, from you I'll go.

Other hands will gently tend you,
Often will a mother bend,
O'er the flowers an absent loved one
Loved so well and used to tend.

Blossom on, my own dear flowers,
Let your fragrance fill the air;
Whisperings of untold blessings,
Now to others you must bear.

Round and unknown distant pathway,
Other flowers again shall spring,
But I know around them ever,
Thoughts of home shall fondly cling.

And when night, a holy radiance
Sheds from out her starry dome,
Will the night wind softly waken,
Mem'ries of my early home.

And in dreams again I'll wander
'Neath the blooming orchard trees,
Hear the Robin's loving warble,
Borne upon the evening breeze.

I may come, when years have vanished,
To the scenes the heart still loves,
Hear the murmur of the streamlet,
Wander in the silent groves.

Now, farewell! peace reign forever
Over thee, my early home;
We must strive to reach the mansion,
Where we never more shall roam.

Summit Co., O., Sept. 3, 1909. Hannah A. Selzer.

IN THE OCTOBER WOODS.

Alone I wander thro' Autumn woods and wold,
Sweet Nature droops, and all around is dying;
The trees are robed in sunset hues of gold,
Among the leaves, Autumn winds are sighing.

Stately Oaks whose leaves to earth are fluttering,
Stand in full armor rich with Autumn splendor;
Soft winds murmuring thro' them seem uttering
In whispers low, sweet farewells most tender.

The sunbeams linger with a mute caress
On thee, Nature, to soothe as we would a heart
that's bled;
We, too, grieve o'er thy fading loveliness,
Sweet blossom-time is past, and summer-days
have fled.

We seem to hear thee softly weep and pine,
That Winter's icy arms must thee so soon en-
fold.—

Go to thy rest in peace; rains of sweet springtime,
Will waken the to loveliness untold.

The closest, fondest ties must once be riven,
All that we love fade like the summer flowers;
Death's angel calls, our loved ones must be given,
With many tears, we stand bereft of ours.

Life's springtime fair, and summer glide so fast,
Unconsciously we drift toward mystic realms
unseen;

The silvery mists of time bids us at last,—
We're veiled from earth and care and life's
deep dream.

Our lives and goodness we should strive to make
Like sweet sunbeams, on other hearts to shed
Their light and love. We thus have treasures
earth can never take—

With peace and rest when all save heaven has
fled.

Summit Co., O., Sept. 3, 1909. Hannah A. Selzer.

COMPENSATION.

If earth's flowers never faded,
If earth's fruitage never failed,
If the glad and golden sunlight
Of earth's summer never paled;
If no blighting breath of winter
Ever brought the frost and snow,
We would miss the sweet contrasting
That the changing seasons show.

If Life's pathway ever led us
Through a smooth unshadowed mead;
Or through quiet, peaceful valleys
Vine-embowered it should lead,
With no need of toilsome climbing
The desired goal to gain,
We would miss the glorious outlook
Those who scale the heights attain.

If earth's wealth would never vanish,
If earth's gems ne'er turned to dust,
If the treasures fondly cherished
Could escape the moth and rust,
We might miss the heavenly treasure
That shall never more grow old,
Jewels of unchanging luster,
Star-gemmed crown and harp of gold.

If earth's friendships never failed us,
If earth's loves were always true,
If life's wine were never wasted,
Or was never tinted with rue,
We might miss the lasting friendship
Of the changeless One, nor taste
The wine of joy and bread of heaven;
On which our souls may feast.

So I hold that over yonder,
When we see with clearer eyes,
We shall learn in all our losses
Some sweet, hidden meaning lies;
And will find our compensation
Far out-weighs the pain and loss,
And our missed and mourned-for treasures
Will appear as worthless dross.

Henrico Co., Va.

A. R. Corson.

AUTUMN.

There is beauty in the leaf
Whirling down;
There is wealth in garnered sheaf,
Autumn's crown;
There is joy at early dawn,
And at eve;
Though the Summer birds have gone,
Should we grieve?
When the hills are red and gold,
Flaming there—
Autumn's beauty all untold,
Earth all fair?

Tioga Co., N. Y., Sept. 14, 1909. Ruth Raymond.

DON'T BROOD O'ER TROUBLES PAST.

When troubles come, as troubles will,
To rend your heart with pain,
Bear them bravely while they last—
Don't call them back again.
Let the ruins lie just where they fall,
Don't rake them o'er and o'er,
But bury them deep 'neath the sands of time,
And visit their graves no more.
If one offended, whose loving heart,
Before, you deemed most true,
Don't open up the healing wound,
And all its pains renew;
Don't keep its memory alive,
To foster vain regret;
'Tis better far to let it pass;
Forgive and then forget.
Tho' rough and dusty is the road,
The tangled hedge adorns,
Just pluck the roses growing 'there,
And shun their cruel thorns.
Or, if perchance the thorns should pierce,
And tear your flesh with pain,
'Twere foolish then to wander back,
To feel their sting again.

Erie Co., N. Y. Ellen Kent.

LIFE'S LESSON.

'Tis but folly and madness
To sit down in sadness,
And sigh for the past when the future is ours;
Though the way may be dreary,
And the heart faint and weary,
We'll list for the bird-song and look for the flowers.
It is time there are hours
When bird-song and flowers
Mock with their beauty and brightness our gloom;
When to ease the heart's aching
We could welcome its breaking
To gain thus the stillness and rest of the tomb.
When springing all 'round us
Are sharp thorns that wound us,
And many the pitfalls that lie in our way;
When over life's meadows
Hang fierce threatening shadows,
And hope's beacon sheds not one glimmering ray.
But the dark clouds that over
Life's fair meadows hover,
May be loaded with blessings and melt soon to rain;
When the sun's brilliant shining
Shall shame our repining,
And the landscape smile out in its gladness again.
Though life hath its losses,
Its cares and its crosses,
The loss and the cross may still be for our best,
And each homely duty
Hold some hidden beauty,
And by labor we learn the sweet meaning of rest.

Thus by pain may we measure
The worth of each pleasure;
We value our wealth by the wants we have known;
And joy after sorrow
By contrast doth baffle
A completeness and sweetness fuller e'en than
its own.

Henrico Co., Va.

Alice R. Corson.

NOVEMBER WOODS.

That day we wandered to the wilting wood,
It were so fitting that the leaves should fall
Down, down to earth and cover as a pall
The places she had loved, where Foxgloves stood.
The autumn Ferns, the browning sere Monkshood.
It seemed to us, that we had buried all
With her who went so early at His call,—
The flowers, the birds and everything of good.

But as we lingered, dreaming, heart to heart,
We caught a glimpse of distant days of Spring;
Dimly we saw the nobler, better part,
And learned the lesson the leaves should bring;
—Though now they fall and fit in Autumn strife,
The Resurrection Day shall give them life.
Portsmouth, N. H.

Chas. H. Chesley.

FAREWELL TO THE AUTUMN FLOWERS.

As I walked alone in my garden,
The air was crisp and cold,
Yet the garden was flooded with sunshine,
In flashes of red and gold.
I stood near a bed of Cosmos,
The plants so tall and straight,
Near a vine of fragrant Jasmine,
Drooped over the garden gate

I walked by a bed of Salvias
That looked like little trees,
As they shook their scarlet branches
With every passing breeze.
I passed near a mound of Aster
As full as the tops would hold,
Encircled with yellow Coleus,
With leaves like burnished gold.

I stopped at a bed of Pansies
That seemed to nod as I pass,
In their border of Sweet Alyssum
Growing low down in the grass.
I know that Jack Frost is coming,
And I bid them farewell as I go,
For I feel that my beautiful flowers
Will soon be asleep in the snow.

Mrs. George Kelbaugh.
Baltimore Co., Md., Oct. 2, 1909.

WHEN THE CLOUDS HAVE ROLLED AWAY.

Sometimes, when you feel discouraged,
And everything looks blue,
And the sun his face has hidden,
And you don't know what to do,
Just think of a song, or story,
To pass the time away,
Remembering that the sullen sky,
Will be clear again some day.

When the angry storms are raging,
And warring overhead,
Don't sit in the corner grumbling,
Wishing that you were dead;
Just think of something jolly,
That happened long years ago,
That will bring a smile to the surface,
And banish present woe.

We can't have constant pleasure,
No matter how hard we try;
Adversity will sometimes come,
And overcast our sky;
But the storms, however dreary,
Can never come to stay;
Dark days will break in sunshine,
When the clouds have rolled away.

Erie Co., N. Y.

Ellen Kent.

GROWING BULBS IN WATER

FOR WINTER-BLOOMING in the house nothing equals the bowls of White Roman Hyacinths, Paper White Narcissus and Double Roman Narcissus. They are beautiful, all cheap and all easily grown. The bulbs are offered so cheap that they



HYACINTH IN WATER.

a little more sand to firm them nicely, so they won't tip over when watered. Now add water until you see it in the bowl; do not cover, or even half-cover the bulbs with water—only use enough to cover the base of the bulbs well; set away in a dark, cool place. Examine them every day or two, adding enough water only to cover the base of the bulbs. When the flower-stalks begin to show take out and put in a rather dark, cool room, away from the light for several days, before putting in the full sunlight. Do not put in a hot room, nor in a draught, and your bulbs will be a source of pleasure to you for weeks. They have more blooms, much larger flowers, and bloom more quickly when grown in water this way than when grown in soil in pots.

Mrs. Julian J. Mattheson.

Marlboro Co., S. C., Oct. 12, 1909.

Note.—The engraving shows a large-sized Dutch Hyacinth in bloom in a Hyacinth-glass of water. Thus grown they are sure to bloom, are graceful and beautiful, and always much admired.—Ed.

ABOUT CACTUSES.

REGARDING the article in the April issue of the Magazine by Mrs. Warren, I would state that her Opuntia is not the "Old Man Opuntia." It is a fact that dealers advertise *O. senilis*, but send out for it *O. leucothrica*. *O. senilis*, more properly *O. crinifera* (meaning hair-bearing) develops one to three stiff spines, and a number of long silky hairs, instead of a number of long, flexible spines. I have also met with cases where *O. hystricina* has been sent out for *O. ursina* (grizzly bear opuntia). It is quite common to find plants sent out under improper names, but owing to the rarity of Cactus cultivation they are less understood both commercially and botanically than any other class of plants. Yet it is surprising, when we consider the many merits of Cacti, that they are not more general in cultivation. Few plants excel them in hardiness, neatness, oddity and blooming qualities.

Again, several species of the different genera become excellent decorative specimens. Of the various classes of plants in my collection, including both tender and hardy, I lose a much smaller per cent. of Cactuses than of any other. Another reason why Cactuses should particularly appeal to the attention of our eastern people, is the fact that no family of plants is so poorly understood. The botanical student and collector will find that the description of characters by authors are so meagre and confused that it is difficult to determine a species from a single specimen of closely related ones. For cultivation none are sensitive to a drenching on a clear day, and none will endure a lengthy period of wetting, nor a position even in winter that is poorly lighted or ventilated.

C. Z. Nelson.

Knox Co., Illinois.



"Old Man Cactus."

Double Dwarf Silene.—There is a little plant which I wish to heartily recommend. I have never seen it in any garden except my own, so I think it cannot be very well known, and it is altogether too pretty to remain a stranger to flower lovers. I found it in the very first one of Park's catalogues that I ever saw. It was listed as "Double Dwarf Silene." From a small packet of seeds I had white, pink, and deep rose-colored blossoms. The plant forms a perfect little rosette, about six inches high, and is literally smothered with big double blossoms, which resemble in shape the old-fashioned "Ragged Robin," or *Lychnis Flos eculi*. It is a constant bloomer and makes a very handsome border to a bed. I have never seen it advertised in other catalogues, though it may have a different name.

Knox Co., Maine.

Adella F. Veazie.

FOLIAGE CANNAS.

NEW PEOPLE realize the beauty in a bed of Foliage Cannas. They are generally seen growing in poor soil and neglected, hence, only a few feet tall, yellow, and an eye-sore. But I want to tell of their beauty when grown as they should be. Having a large quantity of Cannas, we decided to use them as a hedge to close from view of our



CANNA PLANT.

eriting them, no more work was done, as we did not water them.

When they were full-grown they averaged seven feet in height. Some single stalks were nine and a half feet tall. The hedge could not be seen through, and the improvement it gave our back yard was astonishing. Are you not willing to give the Foliage Cannas a trial? All these Cannas have been reset, and the bed lengthened fifteen or more feet.

S. E. Harrison, Jr.

Greenville Co., S. C., April 9, 1909.

Note.—In Mexico I saw native Cannas growing and blooming luxuriously, standing nearly a foot deep in water. When grown by the water's edge, or when the Canna-bed is kept well-watered, the growth is remarkable.—Ed.

Brugmansia Suaveolens.—Some years ago I bought a tiny plant of this Brugmansia, called the Wedding Bell. I planted it in earth composed of black loam, rotted barnyard manure and sharp sand, in equal proportions. It grew amazingly, and in less than a year bore several large bells of a rich, creamy color, nearly twelve inches long, and six broad at the edges. The odor was very heavy. By the time it was two years old it was about six feet high, and at times was loaded with bells that were the admiration of all who saw them. Mrs. J. F. Berry.

Knoxville, Tenn., Sept. 10, 1909.

MEADOW PHLOX.

HAVING GOOD success with the wild Meadow Phlox, I will tell the flower lovers about it. Almost my first remembrance is the picking of this favorite flower, and when Kansas became my adopted State, I missed it indeed. Years later while visiting in Iowa, I saw it growing there in a woodland. I took up some roots and brought them home to my Kansas garden. Every spring since then I have had a lovely bed of these flowers. They often bloom in March here, and are a mass of beauty and fragrance for two months. They require but little care, and pay right royally for the attention given them. They multiply by division of roots, also by cuttings. When done blooming I throw the tops near a fence, or where they will not be hoed up, and they start and come up the next spring. I have two colors, the purple and the white. I saw many more colors in Iowa, but did not know the way of planting the seeds at that time. There were red, pink, blue, mottled and striped that grew in the vicinity of Twin Lakes, Calhoun county, Iowa, but I have not been there since learning the way to plant the seeds.

Ruth A. Johnson.

Cloud Co., Kan., Sept. 13, 1909.

Impatiens Sultana.—I cannot forbear telling of my success with Impatiens Sultana. About a year ago a little slip was given me. This readily rooted, and from that I have grown dozens, in spite of the fact that my parent-plant was broken all to pieces twice by storms. This spring I put a half dozen plants in a half barrel on a stump. From the time they were put there they bloomed—it's impossible to keep them from blooming—and it has simply been a big bouquet of pink flowers all summer, and will continue so all winter, if taken into the house. The secret of growing these is plenty of water, and not too much sunlight in summer. Mrs. J. F. Berry.

Knoxville, Tenn., Sept. 10, 1909.

Note.—*Impatiens Sultana*, also *I. Holsti* can be as readily grown from seeds as cuttings, and for either house or garden should be more popular. The plants have no enemies, are always fresh and green, and are truly everblooming as well as free-blooming. They are among the most desirable of all flowers for general cultivation.—Ed.

Snapdragon.—This old-time flower is a great favorite of mine. It is of very easy culture, thriving in any ordinary soil. There are so many beautiful colors, rivaling in beauty many of the so-called stylish flowers. One of the most beautiful varieties is the Queen of the North, a dwarf plant with snow white flowers.

L. E. H.

Douglas Co., Oregon.

Mole Remedy.—I have used moth balls in the runways of moles with very good effect. Have any others tried this remedy?

Aunt Hope.

Wayne Co., Pa., April 15, 1909.

ANNUALS AS HOUSE PLANTS.

AMONG PLANTS for winter blooming I have found none of easier culture than the following well-known annuals: Ageratum, Sweet Alyssum, Nicotiana, Petunias, Ten Weeks Stock and Verbenas. With a little attention that they may not suffer from lack of moisture, and a weekly showering with luke-warm water to keep them free from dust and insects, these are sure to grow and blossom in any sunny window, where the temperature does not fall below the freezing point. Indeed, I have seen these hardy annuals growing to perfection in the south windows of a draughty kitchen, where Begonias and Coleus would unjoint themselves and fall to pieces, the foliage of Heliotrope turn black, and even the sturdy Geraniums show but few and imperfect blossoms.

Doubtless there are other annuals which would do equally well as house plants, but if one desires constant bloom, care should be taken to select such as are of ever-blooming habit in the garden in preference to those that have but a short flowering season. To have good-sized plants as winter approaches, seeds may be sown about the first of August, or belated specimens transplanted from the garden still later in the season.

Having found these plants so satisfactory for the window garden, I would urge all who love flowers, but have not good facilities for caring for them, or who have failed with the more exacting greenhouse plants, to try these annuals and enjoy a bit of summer bloom and brightness through the dreary days of winter.

N. Lebanon, Me., Sept. 20, 1909. E. M.

Success with Begonias.—I have had great success with fibrous-rooted Begonias by potting them in shallow vessels. I have one now that I wish the flower sisters could all see. It is two feet high, branched, and nearly two feet across. I have grown Begonias in both high and shallow receptacles, but my experience with the shallow ones has been by far the most satisfactory. I also grow Geraniums in shallow boxes, several plants in a box, and they always do well.

Mrs. Dexter Lyon.

Hopkins Co., Ky., Sept. 30, 1909.

Climbing Souperf Rose.—From a plant received several years ago I rooted three slips, two of which have the climbing habit. The other has never thrown out any strong shoots, but is the size of Tea Roses in height, and loaded with blossoms. The Clothilde Souperf is hardy with very little protection here.

E. E. Ettleman.

Greenville Co., Ia., Sept. 10, 1909.

Amaryllis Johnsoni.—This plant gives me very little trouble, for it will winter in a damp cellar, where most tender plants die. I leave the bulbs in the pot they grew in until Spring, then repot if crowded, giving plenty of water while growing.

E. E. Ettleman.

Greenville Co., Ia., Sept. 10, 1909.

THE SUNFLOWER.

THERE is so much written about the beauty of other flowers, but I rarely see anything about the Sunflower. Now I would like to mention one that grew in my garden this spring. It came up very early in spring, just at the end of my Pea row, where the soil was very rich. It grew to be nine and a half feet high, and produced sixty-five blossoms. It branched in tree form, and was just covered with large, yellow flowers. It was a real wonder to all who saw it. It was an object of attraction and curiosity, and I was sorry when it faded. Has anyone raised a larger Sunflower than this one?

Aunt Ada.
Halifax Co.,
Va., Sept. 14,
1909.

NOTE.—The engraving shows a plant of the one-flowered Sunflower, catalogued as *Helianthus uniflorus giganteus*. It grows from 12 to 14 feet high, a single, leafy stem with an enormous flower at the summit. Like the branching Sunflower, it is always an object of great attraction.—Ed.

Baby Rambler.—The Baby Rambler Rose I have is four years old. It has now twelve buds and six blossoms, and is beautiful. I used cow chips and dirt that was thrown out of a ditch, the dirt being sand and black muck, and I give the plant all the sun I can. The foliage is dark green and fairly glistens. I am much pleased.

Mrs. Mary A. Risley.
Steuben Co., N. Y., Sept. 18, 1909.

Clematis.—I have two of the large-flowering varieties of Clematis, Jackmanii and Mme. Edward Andre. They have been a cloud of blossoms during the summer months. The vines become stronger each year, although considered freaky, and have given me more pleasure than any other plant, as they are not common here, and are so showy.

E. E. Ettleman.

Fremont Co., Ia., Sept. 4, 1909.

COBÆA SCANDENS.

LAST YEAR I planted a packet of Cobæa Scandens in February in a shallow box in the house. About April, after all danger of frost was over, I set out five plants along a twenty-five foot porch. They were then about four inches high. By July they had nearly covered the porch, when a hail and wind storm left them literally in rags. I thought they were lost, and so paid no attention to them, but by September they had again become a thick mass of foliage, and



COBÆA SCANDENS BLOOM.

later they started to bloom, and when frost came were loaded with buds and blossoms. The blossom is at first a pale green, but gradually changes to lavender. Mr. Park states these plants will grow from twenty to thirty feet high; mine grew fully seventy-five feet, even with the severe set-back they received. For a rapid climber, dense foliage and beauty, they are the finest vines I have ever grown.

Mrs. J. F. Berry.

Knoxville, Tenn., Sept. 10, 1909.

For Sun and Shade.—The flowers that bloom for me through the hottest part of the summer are Gaillardia, Seabiosa, Verbena, Petunia, Vinca, a hardy yellow Daisy, blue Ageratum, Phlox and Rudbeckia. These do well where they get the sun all day or part of the day. For shady places: Ferns, Day Lilies, Begonias, spotted Callas, Sweet Violets, Foliage Plants and Fuchsias. *Floral Friend.*

Marion Co., Kan., Aug. 1, 1909.

Ivy Geranium.—I once bought an Ivy Geranium, and kept it in a bay-window winter and summer, for I then lived in North Dakota, where the wind is destructive to tender plants. It grew over four feet high on a trellis, and at one time I counted over one hundred buds and blossoms on it, and at least one half were clusters as large as a man's fist, of a beautiful pink shade. *Mrs. J. F. Berry.*

Knoxville, Tenn., Sept. 10, 1909.

HYDRANGEA PANICULATA.

WE ARE on a new place—in the woods. Last year I got a year-old *Hydrangea paniculata grandiflora* and planted it where it only got the morning sun and none too much of that, as it was between trees. This spring, early, I fertilized it with chicken-droppings. It only made a short growth last year, possibly because the chickens would persist in scratching around it, but in the spring it put forth several new branches, and to my surprise, each branch-tip bore a bud, I pinched out all but three, and the panicles were immense. One measured twelve inches long, and nearly eight broad at the stem-end. The bush itself was not over eighteen inches high, and the blooms were so heavy I had to stake and tie each one separately. I have heard that these *Hydrangeas* can be changed to a lavender shade by putting charcoal at the roots before the sap starts in the spring. Is it so? *Mrs. J. F. Berry.*

Knoxville, Tenn., Sept. 10, 1909.

CARE OF ROSES.

IN PLANTING ROSES I dig a large hole for each, fill in with rich woods earth, mixing with it a half bushel of well decayed manure from the barn lot and some rich clay. In this I set the Rose, treading the soil firmly around the roots. By this means my Roses grow well, and I soon have all the flowers I want.

I keep all the dead wood cut out, and all of the old flower stems. In the fall I mulch the ground with stable litter, and cut the tops back. In the spring the fertilizer is worked in about the roots, and the ground kept well worked all summer. In the fall I put cuttings in one of the beds, and in a year they are a foot and a half tall, fine blooming bushes. In the summer I root cuttings in a box of chip dirt, kept wet. For green lice I make a tea of Elder leaves and sprinkle the infested plants.

Greenville Co., S. C. S. E. Harrison.

Starting Roses.—Here is the way I start Rose slips, and I always succeed: Break off the slip three or four inches long, then get an acorn, and with a small-bladed knife cut nearly through, insert the end of the slip, and plant rather deeply in the soil, pressing a fruit jar over the top to protect it from draughts of air. I have never failed once by this method. In taking the slip do not fail to get the heel, or old-wood portion with it.

Mrs. Dexter Lyon.

Hopkins Co., Ky., Sept. 30, 1909.

Flowers that Sleep.—Out of nearly forty different kinds of flowers in my garden, I found nine that close their petals in the evening and open them in the morning. The Bethlehem Star (*Ornithogalum umbellatum*) opens and shuts its pretty white flowers for seven days in succession, then closes them for the last time. This little bulbous flower is of the easiest culture and always makes a fine display in the spring. I hope it is in the garden of many floral readers.

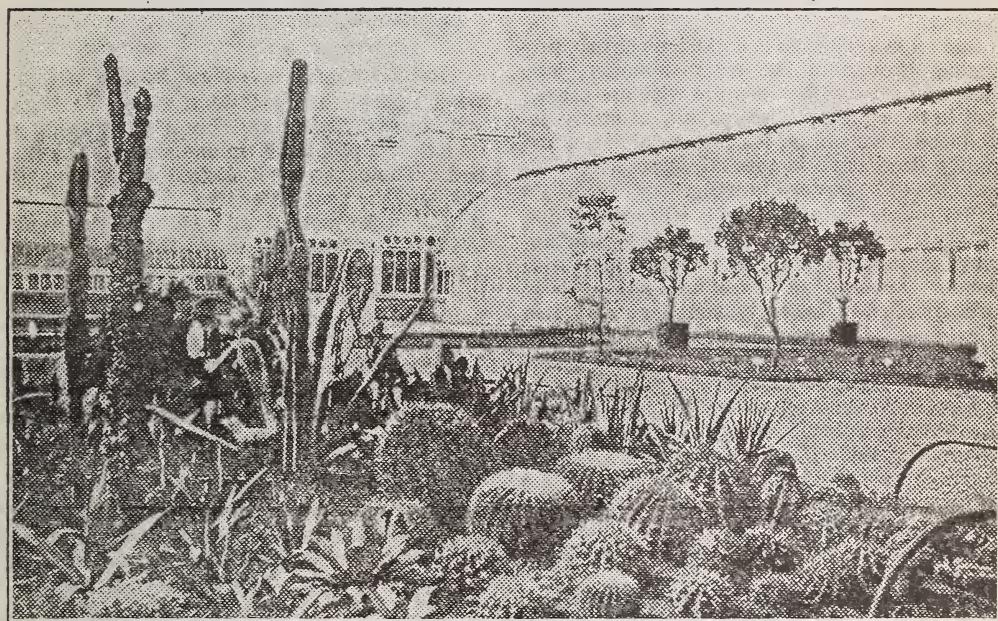
Fayette Co., O. M. J. Leffingwell.

A BED OF CACTUSES.

THE ILLUSTRATION is of a bed of Cactuses of various kinds, but chiefly of Mamillaria in the foreground. The plants are all grown in pots and tubs, and are plunged in the open border as soon as the weather becomes warm enough in the spring or early summer. Here they are exposed to the full sunshine during the heat of summer, being watered in the evening when the ground becomes too dry for their welfare. They always do well treated in this way. As soon as frost approaches they are taken up and cared for in the house devoted to their winter protection. There are a number of species of Opuntia that are hardy, and bloom freely in summer. These require only a sandy

SOWING IN ROWS.

TWO YEARS AGO a friend in another city wished to start a flower garden, so I carefully selected and labeled several packets of seeds for her from among seeds I had saved. The next year, when I visited her, she complained that only a few of the seeds came up. As all mine came up profusely, I wondered at this, and began asking questions. To my great amusement I learned that she had emptied each packet out into a dish, mixed them well, and sown them broadcast. She said "perhaps I might have pulled up some, thinking they were weeds." I told her that without doubt she had pulled up the most of them. Had she sown her seeds in rows, and the kinds separately, she would



soil and sunny situation to do well, and once established require but little further attention. The many tropical Cactuses now used as pot plants, however, must be taken up and housed in a frost-proof room during winter, at which time they are mostly inactive, and require but little water.

C. B. W.

New York City, Oct. 7, 1909.

Begonia Argentea.—Last May a friend gave me a cutting of Begonia Argentea, and I potted it in a soil composed of woods earth and sand. It quickly rooted and just tried to see how fast it could grow until a hen got on the stand and turned it over. I repotted it and in about two weeks it began to grow again and is now about fourteen inches high. This is a lovely Begonia, easily cultivated, and I advise all to try it.

Lee Co., Miss., Aug. 27, 1909. Mrs. E. M.

have saved her plants, and I should not have grudged the time and trouble I spent in labeling each packet so carefully. Remember that weeds never come up in straight rows, and when you sow your seeds in rows, with a stick at each end, and the name written on it, you know where your plants are, and need never run the risk of pulling them up for weeds.

Knox Co., Maine.

Adella F. Veazie.

Home Surroundings.—The home is made so much more of an ideal home by its surroundings—indeed the grounds make the home. What makes rural England so beautiful, is that her grounds receive as much careful attention as the house, and while the home may not be modern, the grounds certainly are. Mrs. Jennie Spencer Farmer.

Marion Co., Ill., June 15, 1909.

FINE SHRUBBERY.

A FEW YEARS ago I planted some long borders with many varieties of fine shrubs, and I want to tell the Magazine readers about them.

I have all of the Deutzias, and can recommend them for an effective and beautiful display, covering a period of several weeks during spring and summer. *D. boule de neige* has double white flowers, the petals thick and waxy. *D. discolor grandiflora* has large, double, white flowers with spreading petals tinged pink. *D. Lemoine* has large, pure white flowers borne in cone-shaped heads. *D. parviflora* has creamy white flowers in corymbs. *D. Watereri*, extra large, pure white flowers in spikes, very fine. *D. Gracilis*, slender, dwarf, early-flowering; valuable and beautiful. *D. Pride of Rochester*, tall, double, white tinged pink, one of my favorites; if I could have only a few shrubs this would be grown.

Buddelya variabilis is a glorious shrub, producing throughout the entire summer, long racemes of rosy lilac flowers with an orange spot in the center. This shrub, recently introduced from China, is of graceful form, and highly decorative in general appearance. It deserves to be better known.

Clethra alnifolia, with spikes of pure white, deliciously fragrant flowers in July and August; *Exochorda grandiflora*, tree-like, with slender racemes of pure white flowers in great profusion in early summer; and *Itea Virginica*, a compact bush of dwarf habit, with dainty racemes of pure white, fragrant flowers in June, and its foliage turning to deep, rich red in Autumn—all are shrubs that should have a place in every collection.

The Cut-leaf Staghorn Sumac is a new shrub, of spreading habit, and one of the most beautiful. The long, compound leaves are finely cut, lace-like and graceful, and in Autumn changing to various hues of pink, crimson and gold.

The Spirea family contains many excellent shrubs. *S. prunifolia* fl. pl., the Bridal Wreath, with wreaths of pure white double flowers, appearing before the leaves; *S. Van Houtte*, bearing clusters of single flowers, and *S. Reevesi*, coming into bloom later, the *S. ANTHONY WATERER*. flowers double, pure white, and lasting longer than other sorts; *S. Anthony Waterer*, two feet high, the clusters red, borne freely and continuously throughout the season. *S. sorbifolia* is a beautiful shrub with large, feathery panicles of white flowers in June, and compound Ash-like leaves.

The Viburnums are important shrubs. *V. plicatum*, the Japan Snowball; *V. opulifolia sterilis*, the old-fashioned Snowball, both with large globular white flowers; *V. tomentosum*,

and *V. lantana*, both with flat cymes of white flowers. I have nothing more admired than these during their blooming period.

Of Weigelas, *Eva Rathke*, bearing a profusion of rich crimson flowers is the most attractive, though *W. floribunda rosea* and *candida*, one with rose-colored flowers and the other with white ones, are both beautiful shrubs.

The double *Kerria Japonica* or *Corchorus Rose* bears its double golden flowers freely in early spring, and again, sparingly, in Autumn. The *Rhodotypos Kerrioides*, known as White Kerria, has single flowers, not unlike a Blackberry blossom, and is in bloom throughout the season.

I also have *Hydrangeas*, *Lilacs*, *Laburnum*, *Clematis* and many others, so that my shrub border shows flowers during the entire summer, and is a constant source of pleasure throughout the growing season.

Mrs. Jennie Spencer Farmer.
Marion Co., Ill., July 15, 1909.

Golden Glow.—Now let me tell you what I did with my Golden Glow. I began with one tiny root, and knowing nothing of its habits I planted it in one end of a Pansy bed. The next year it choked everything else out, and the year after that, I began digging it up, but for more than a month I continued to find new shoots coming in that bed. I think I had half a bushel of roots, and I dug a shallow trench the whole length of one side of my hen yard and scattered them in with no particular care about the up and down of them. I covered them well and left them to grow or not, as they might decide. That was two years ago last spring, and now there is a solid wall of them, more than two feet wide. It furnishes shade for the hens, besides being very ornamental. I leave the old stalks standing all winter, thus making a partial protection against the snow banks which would otherwise heap up against the wire fence.

Knox Co., Maine. Adella F. Veazie.



Begonia Plants.—Don't be discouraged if the plants you receive by mail are small. In the first place, ask yourself what plants you can expect for a few cents; and in the second place, remember that "tall oaks from little acorns grow," and that if you give your little plants time and care they will grow larger. This I know to be a fact, for a *Begonia rubella* now completely fills an eighteen inch stand, and a *Begonia ricinifolia* measures from the tip of one leaf along the leaf-stalks to the tip of the opposite leaf, over sixty inches, and requires a bracket and nearly two widths of a bay window. Both of the above were from Mr. Park's collection of plants. *Begonia Richardsonii* is a perfect bouquet in itself, furnishing plenty of white blossoms to contrast prettily with its lovely little Fern-like leaves.

Mrs. H. A. Lowden.
Nassau Co., N. Y.

PANSIES IN COLORADO.

I HAVE had success with Pansies, but always in the sun. The accompanying illustration shows my Pansy bed. It is on the south side of the house, and has full sun nearly all day, and Colorado sunshine at that. The blossoms are smaller in mid-summer, but



beautiful in spring and fall. The plants are so strong and sturdy that I have no trouble in keeping them over winter, merely putting leaves around each plant, leaving the tops out, for they need air.

Mrs. C.

Arapahoe Co., Col., Oct. 11, 1909.

WINTERING ASTERS.

I HAVE a nice Aster blossom today, yes, this Fourth of July morning, and thereby hangs a tale. Not a tale of extra early planting and coddling in the house, but quite the contrary—of too late planting last year for it to come to blooming. The Aster seeds were put in the soil in June, and put in thick, as the seeds were old. But it seemed

every one came up, and they grew very slowly, showing only a very few blossoms before frosts came early in October. Most of them were but single stalks, many showing buds at the top. I tried to save them by covering with canvas, but snows and frosts came

thick and fast, continuing until about Thanksgiving, when I gave it up, though they still were quite green.

During December and January they were little noticed, but by February 1 I saw they were still green, and removed a few to the hot house for experiment. These started out, and lived until about May 1, when they gave up at last. But about that time deep snows came, after our warm, windy, dry winter, and with the rest, a few half-dead Asters started out, and today one has a nice blossom, while two others are budded. Has anyone else an Aster that has stood zero weather out of doors?

Huerfano Co., Col. Mary E. Lester.



ASTER.

OLD-FASHIONED FLOWERS.

I AM GLAD the old-fashioned flowers are again coming into favor. I am sure they will give great satisfaction, since all are iron-clad, and once planted will renew themselves by suckers, shoots or re-seeding, and thus, when you get a plant you will have it indefinitely. Be sure not to get the Calystegia, Toad-Flax or Bouncing Bet, or others that will prove troublesome.

By consulting the florist, one may have pretty bright flowers in plenty, from the Early Snowdrops in February, continuously until frost. Of those that furnish volunteer seedlings, the perennial Phlox is one of the brightest and best. They will come and grow just anywhere, yet are so easily pulled out and held in check, they never become too plentiful. The Hollyhocks is another very desirable and showy perennial which reproduces itself freely. The light and white kinds, the double and fringed kinds, with a few bright reds, make a showing not easily surpassed.

The herbaceous Paeony is my own favorite. Pretty volunteer seedlings of unusual size, led me to plant seeds, which grew so satisfactory, that growing them has become a fad with me, just as Pansies and Carnations have with others. And while I have grown, and still grow almost all desirable hardy plants, all of them dwindle into insignificance compared with this king of the hardy flower garden, the Paeony.

The seedlings are a little slow in getting a good start, but do not disturb them, and they will repay you for the waiting, living to bloom for your children and grand children, getting larger and better as the years go by, only requiring occasional division.

Henry Co., Ind.

Sarah A. Pleas.

Note.—Calystegia, Toad-Flax and Bouncing Bet are not troublesome, if a little care is taken to prevent spreading. They are not like Canada Thistle and Quack-Grass, which it is almost impossible to eradicate when once started.—Ed.

Transplanting Paeonies.—I had some clumps of Paeonies which were too thick to bloom well. In the fall I dug out one-third of each bunch, and also made the hole considerably larger, to accommodate more roots, filling these places with very rich dirt. I planted part of the toes, firming the soil around them well. Some colors I mixed, with excellent results. These will bloom after growing one season. Next fall another portion of each will be treated the same way, so I will not be entirely without blooms. Careful cultivation is the secret of success with Paeonies.

Iroquois Co., Ill. Mrs. A. T. Conard.



HERBACEOUS PAEONY.

GARDENING UNDER DIFFICULTIES.

TWO YEARS AGO we were living on a small farm near a seaside resort, and I had quite a little trade in cut flowers, when my husband received an offer which promised much better returns for the labor and time than the farm could be persuaded to give us, but—(there always has to be a but,) the tenement, while comfortable in most ways, was small and up stairs over the coach house, and opened into a large hen yard or series of hen yards. What could I do with all my nice plants (the result of many years collecting) and the two thousand or more Gladiolus bulbs, and hosts of nice Dahlias? Well, flowers must be a help and not a hindrance, so the privilege of having the hen yard number one was asked, and readily granted, for the owner was a flower lover as well as myself. We have been here two years now, and in the picture you can see a part of the result.

The little greenhouse below is full, summer and winter, of my house plants; and such glorious Gloxinias and Tuberous Begonias as I have raised there this summer! The garden extends across the end of the coach house, giving me a northern exposure, where two large tubs of Agapanthus (15 years old) have been simply grand this season; and Mountain Fringe climbs to the very eaves, so graceful and dainty. A tub of white Japanese Lilies, four large pails crowded full of

Vallota purpurea, giving fifty-one stalks of from four to seven blossoms each), a large Chinese Hibiscus, four large pots of Asparagus Sprengerii and Plumosa, two large Acacia Lophantha trees, and many others have made that part of the garden a very restful spot to tired eyes. I have often wondered what I would do if my lot had been cast in a city tenement, instead of God's pure country air with plenty of elbow room. A. F. C.

Rockingham Co., N. H., Oct. 7, 1909.

The Kudzu Vine.—This is something fine for a screen. I have a vine three years old that has been injured twice by the stock this season, and is now a perfect dense mass of green. It is hardy, and lives from year to year, the flowers coming double and semi-double. Mrs. T.

Santa Rosa Co., Fla., Oct. 7, 1909.

SOME GOOD SUGGESTIONS.

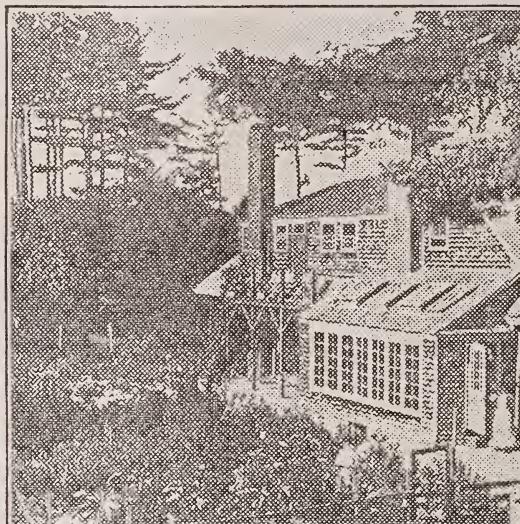
A FLOWER BED would be a great pleasure to many a good house wife or little girl or boy, if it were not for the chickens or dog. To these I write this: Dig a deep bed and make it rich, light and suitable to your locality. Make a low wooden frame around it, and with a few feet or rods of chicken wire fencing you can keep off chickens, dogs and such intruders. Fasten the netting down to your frame, and keep it from sagging with an occasional slat across the frame, then you can protect from heat, wind and rain with paper weighted down over it, or any other covering handy. Now you can easily let good weather in and keep bad weather out, and watch your baby flowers grow. Light sticks that you can drive yourself will hold a chicken-proof netting, and by leaving the last stake so it can be fastened with wire loop or hook, it can be swung back and thus make your gate.

If you don't put a netting fence around the bed just leave the other over it, and the flowers will grow through; but the chickens will never scratch it. The short pieces of netting will suggest their usefulness in so many ways that you will wonder how you could do without them.

One thing more I will suggest: To those who have a wash bench at the door or on the porch, let your hand water shade you, and do not have that sloppy place around you which is such an enemy to health. Dig up a place and enrich it suitably for some vine seeds, or a clump of flowers. If it is on a sunny side its shade will be thankfully received by anyone who has a wash-bowl of waste water to throw upon it. Or, if on the north side it is especially commendable to take up the water that the sun will not dry. Morning Glories are nice here for they stay in bloom most all day. Any nice vines like lots of water. A clump of Chrysanthemums will bloom abundantly in appreciation of the water that very often makes a sloppy place. Have this, if no other flowers. It may save a doctor bill, or the life of a dear one, and not only be a pleasure to those of the home, but a pleasing sight to those who pass your way.

M. A. R.
Lawrence Co., Tenn.

Hyacinths in Water.—Last year I raised ten Hyacinths among stones and water, as we grow Chinese Lilies. They were lovely. Yakima Co., Wash. Mrs. Jas. Stuart.



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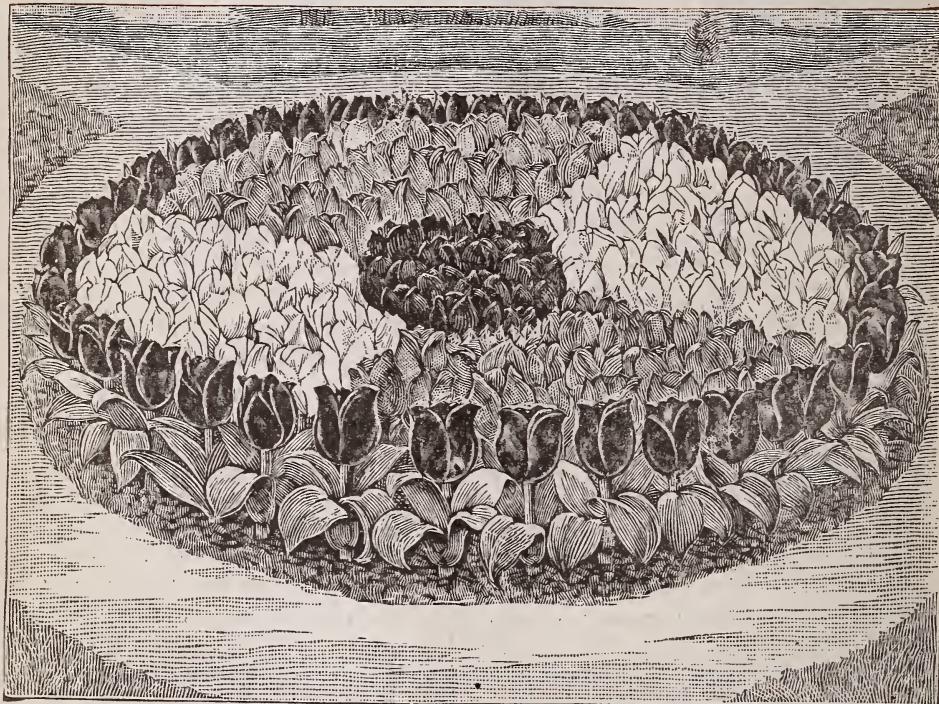
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CHILDREN'S CORNER.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little farm girl of ten years and enjoy reading your Magazine. My favorite flowers are Roses, Pansies and Sweet Peas. We have many flowers. Our Geraniums are beautiful. We are going to have more flowers next year. My sisters enjoy your Editorial Letters and Floral poetry. I wish some of the little floral girls would write to me.

Wilmar, Minn., Aug. 1, 1909. Myrtle Espeline.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a boy of 10 years. I was up to Grandma's home and stayed two weeks. Grandma says she will take your Magazine.

Olean, N.Y., July 24, 1909. Blaire Thornton.

Dear Mr. Park:—I live on a large farm. I love flowers and birds. A little wren builds its nest on the porch every year. I do not know why some boys are so cruel to kill the birds. Every morning we can hear many birds singing. We have 42 horses, one is 21 years old. Papa is not going to work him after this year. We have turkeys, chickens and guineas. I would like to exchange postals with some little girls.

Vency, Tex., July 13, 1909. Allie J. Allen.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little girl of 12 years. I have 11 sheep. I love flowers, especially Sweet Peas, Pansies and Roses. A blue jay built its nest in a sugar-tree near our house this spring. I have not been taking your Magazine long, but I like it very well. I am taking music lessons.

Butler Co., O., July 26, 1909. Luella Spry.

Dear Mr. Park:—I love to read the little letters in your Magazine. Mamma and I love flowers very much, and have a yard full of them. I always read the poems in your Magazine. I hardly believe Mamma and I could get along without it.

Haven, N.Y., July 19, 1909. Ethel Biedekapp.

Dear Mr. Park:—I love birds. I would not kill one of these dear little creatures. I love to hear them sing. Every summer two little Mockingbirds come and build in the Cottonwood tree near our house. I am 11 years old and will exchange post cards with children of my age.

Peru, Kan., Aug. 29, 1909. Lulu Stadler.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a farm girl seven years old, and like all flowers and birds. I am partial to Roses and Nasturtiums. We have plenty of shade at our home, and the birds are numerous. Wrens build their nests and hatch their young in my playhouse. The cat-bird lives in the Maple in our yard. I do not like boys who kill birds.

Lottie Swindles.

Hurricane, W. Va., Sept. 1, 1909.

Dear Mr. Park:—In our small town I secured 21 subscriptions for your Magazine and probably can get more. I wish that all of the children would try and get subscriptions, so that you could give more space to the Children's Letters. I shall do all I can for the Magazine.

Venus, O., Sept. 3, 1909. Wm. Geison.

Dear Mr. Park:—I have taken your Magazine for some time, and like it very much. I am 12 years old, and live three miles from the town of Spring Grove. I graduated from the 8th grade work this year and expect to go to high school this fall. We keep no cats; only a dog we have had for eight years, he is blind in one eye, but a very good dog yet; his name is Peter. My favorite author is Dickens. I have read a great many of his works. I have also read some of Louisa Alcott's works, and the "Leather Stocking" series by Cooper. We have an organ and my mother gives me music lessons. I am very fond of music. I have three brothers and two sisters, all younger than myself; the youngest are twins, a boy and a girl, three years old. I wish some of the girls would write to me. Mary L. Madden.

Spring Grove, Ills., Aug. 3, 1909.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little girl 12 years old. My mother has taken your Magazine a long time. She likes it very much. We live on a farm and like it very much. We have three cats; one's name is Whiskers.

Julia E. Sener.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

Mr. Park: — I have had great success with tree Sunflowers (*Helianthus*) and Sailor's Moss (*Persicaria*). The Sunflower has wide leaves, and my plant branched like a tree, and had 33 blossoms on it. It is very showy, and attracts much attention.

I have a screen of Sailor's Moss along the walk. The plants grow very tall, and branch freely, and are covered with pink or red racemes or tassels, from two to three inches long. When cut, these flowers are very pretty for table bouquets. The seeds self-sow and come up every year. Set the young plants about three feet apart, in rich soil—the richer the better. I have had them grow eight feet high, but often four feet high. Every body admires them.

Mrs. L. B.
Arlington, Vt.



Persicaria.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Mr. Park:—I was very successful with tall Scabiosa from seeds. I believe every seed grew. I had seven different shades and colors, and the flowers were beautiful.

I was also very successful with Job's Tears. While not so showy, the bearing plants are very pretty, and the children love to gather and string up the "Tears" for necklaces.

I also sowed a packet of mixed Dahlia seeds, from which I raised some very fine flowers the first season after starting the seeds in the house.

I also had some very fine Scarlet Sage raised from a 3-cent packet of seeds.

Marion Co., Mo. Mrs. E. L. Buckwalter.

Mr. Park:—Among my seeds last spring I received a package of Cobea Scandens. The plants grew remarkably, and were so beautiful and interesting. The leaves were locust-like, with a tendril at the end of each leaf, and the odd buds and lovely purple bells were



Cobea Scandens.

beautiful. As cut flowers they keep fresh for weeks. Before heavy frost I picked a large vase full of the flowers, and at this writing (Dec. 14th) the vine is as high and green as a month ago.

I also had some Hibiscus worthy of notice. The foliage was beautifully marked and cut, and their blossoms were as dainty as their name, "Peachblow."

Platycodon was a new, and to me, a very lovely blue flower, and I await with much interest its appearance in the spring, as it is perennial.

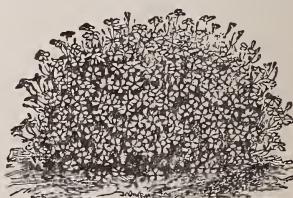
A prize package of mixed Marigolds gave me much pleasure. A small fern-leaved Marigold, with its velvet blossoms making exquisite bouquets. The Calendulas are so brave! Long after the first frost and snow, we gathered armfuls of the golden daisies. I have eight varieties.

Liv. Co., N.Y.

Helen H. Lockey.

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AMARYLLIS Rosea.—I can supply fine bulbs of this lovely Amaryllis. Five bulbs fill a five-inch pot, and the flowers appear in a few days after potting. 5 bulbs 25 cts. Order now. Geo. W. Park, La Park, Pa.

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Don't suffer. Just write me describing your eye troubles. I'll send a full course of my mild home remedies, **all charges prepaid**, with splendid eye cup for 15 days use. If you are not satisfied to continue, you pay me nothing. Don't put this off. Write me today.

DR. W. O. COFFEE, Dept. 272, Des Moines, Ia.

SAVE THE BIRDS.

Not much can be accomplished in defense of bird-life without the assistance of the ladies. I hope that every lady in our fair land will become a member of some society to save the birds, and discontinue wearing their dead bodies or any portion thereof upon their hats to add to their good looks.

I would be in favor of a law to tax cats, just the same as dogs, for they are one of the worst enemies that our birds have to contend with, and any feline caught meandering around for exhibition purposes, or raiding on bird life, should be destroyed. Cats catch all young birds in our parks and woodlands that come to earth when first leaving their nests. Now, ladies, let me ask you a fair question—which would you love most, the sweet notes of the robin in early morning at your cottage window in spring time, or a cat-concert on



That Horrid Bird Cat.

your house-top in the wee small hours of the night, that would awaken you with a shudder? Our country has become denuded of its forests, and the homes of the birds destroyed. This is one great cause of the rapid depletion of their number. They have become more domesticated, and do not seek isolation as in days past, when they rested in the wild wood, where at any time in the day, you could be regaled by their sweet songs. They come now to seek our protection, and labor for our benefit. Let us all unite to save our feathered friends.

R. B. Jennings.

Cadillac, Mich.

Balsam Apple.—Dear Mr. Park:—Tell your subscribers if they want something that will make good shade, interest the children, easy to raise, and an all around good vine, to plant Momordica or Balsam Apple. I shall try all varieties this year.

Aunt Clover.
Mercer Co., O.



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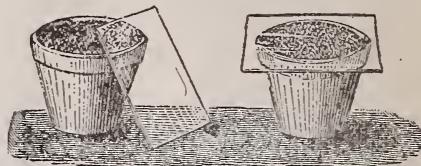


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GOSSIP.

Mr. Park:—I must tell you how I have succeeded with some of the seeds I planted January 22nd. Aristolochia came up February 20th, but withered up. I think the hot sun through the glass was too warm for them. I waited till March 10th on the Perennial Phlox, and then sowed Egg-



plant in the pan, and now I have Phlox and Eggplants coming up together. The Phloxes look so much like grass that I would not know them, only they are coming up in straight rows. Iris Kämpferi plants are coming up now, and I could not tell them either, if they were not in rows. Clematis and Passion Vine are not coming up yet; but I have twenty-one plants from twenty-four seeds of Freesia, that are growing finely. I have Digitalis, Gypsophila, Aquilegia and Pansies up, but I can't succeed with Perennial Larkspur or Platycodon. I have made five sowings of both, but never a plant came up. I am going to wait till it gets warmer, and try again.

Nora Kellar.

Mercer Co., Ohio.



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In the South, where the winters are mild, Pansies should be sown in fall and early winter. The plants will soon appear, will grow well during the cool weather, and will make a fine display in the spring and early summer. I offer the choicest imported seeds in mixtures, each mixture at 5 cents per packet, or the ten packets with Park's Floral Magazine a year for only 25 cents.

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GEO. W. PARK, La Park, Pa.

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February 11th, 1908.

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This certifies that
Dr. Cannaday's patients, from all
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eczema. In all this time we have
been called upon but five times
to return the patients money.

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Citizens Nat. Bank
R. F. Harris

If you will write me **today**, I will send you a **FREE TRIAL** of my mild, soothing, guaranteed cure that stops the itching and cures to **stay**. It will prove every word I have said. I will send you the most perfect book that was ever printed on eczema. This book tells you what causes eczema, and how to **remove** it; tells you more about eczema than you ever thought was known. If the cause is removed, your eczema **cannot return**, and I will treat you **free** of charge if your eczema returns within ten years.

If you think that I am trying to "flim-flam" you out of a few paltry dollars, please do not write me at all. I treat my patients as I would be treated. If you are discouraged and have given up, I earnestly plead with you to let me prove every word that I have said. If you fail to write today, blame no one but yourself for your future sufferings. This is your chance; **what are you going to do?** Address

Dr. J. E. Cannaday, 8 Park Square, Sedalia, Missouri.

(Could you do a better act than to send this notice to some poor sufferer of eczema?)

EDITORIAL NOTICES.

Tariff.—The tariff on imported bulbs as well as the tariff on many other things has been greatly increased. Where we paid \$125.00 tariff on an invoice last year, the same invoice this year cost \$500.00 tariff. This higher tariff cannot but interfere more or less with the sale of Holland bulbs in this country. It is to be regretted, for flowers have an elevating and ennobling influence, and add to the beauty of nature, and the pleasure of life.

Worse Than Tariff.—Bad as the tariff is, its injury to the florist is light compared with the trouble and delay experienced in getting bulbs and plants through the Custom house. A number of cases are always ordered to be transferred to the inspection warehouse, and here they lie often for weeks before the inspectors get "time" to examine and pass them. My experience this autumn required a lot of patience, for several cases were delayed a month, and my friends who sent orders were complaining loudly about the delay—a delay I could not overcome. Oh that the Government would put in hustling business men to look after the Custom house instead of 8-hours-a-day easy-going men who think tomorrow, or next week, or next month will do.

Photographs. — A good many fine views sent the Editor for the Magazine are represented in inferior photographs that cannot be photo-engraved. Photos must be distinct and clear. The best are none too good. I hope many will send photos this month. The Florida Home and Garden Cabin were the best received last month.

ECZEMA FREE TRIAL

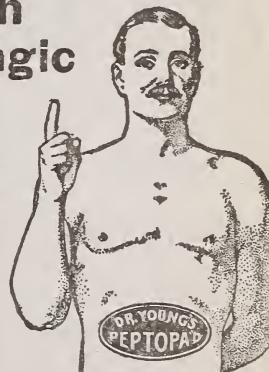
If you have Eczema, Salt Rheum, Tetter, Itch, Pruritus, Milk Crust, Weeping Skin, I want you to write me today. I want to prove to you how easily it can be cured by removing the cause. I do not care what other doctors have told you, or how long you have had it, all I ask is just a chance to show you.

Remember, I have no **Patent Cure**—all nor any special "God given powers," nor am I a great "Professor" of the long-coat preacher style, but I do claim, that by treating eczema and eczema alone for years, that I have learned to do one thing well.

Eczema is not a germ disease, but a blood disease. The cause of eczema is in the blood. Any treatment that fails to remove that cause can't possibly cure, to stay cured. All the "Blood Purifiers" on earth can't do a particle of good, because they do not remove the cause. I challenge the world to beat my treatment for eczema. Old chronic cases of years standing are well before they know it, by taking my treatment and removing the cause.



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Would you like to eat all you want to, and what you want to, when you want to, without a chance for trouble in your stomach?

Would you like to say farewell for the rest of your life to Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Sour Stomach, Distress after eating, Nervousness, Catarrh of the Stomach, Heart Fluttering, Sick Headache and Constipation?

Then send me 10 cents to cover cost of packing and I will mail you absolutely free one of these wonderful Stomach Drafts. They regulate the bowels, relieve soreness, strengthen every nerve and muscle of your stomach, relieve you at once and make you feel like a new man or woman. So write today enclosing 10 cents for the postage, etc., and get one of these wonderful Stomach Drafts that are celebrated because they cure where medicines fail. Write Dr. G. C. Young, 44, National Bank Bldg., Jackson, Mich.

Chinese Sacred Lillies.—See my advt. of these last mo.
Order now. GEO W PARK LA PARK PA

Let Me Send You My FREE CURE for ASTHMA, CATARRH and BRONCHITIS



Despairing Sufferer—are you anxious to be relieved instantly and permanently of your loathsome and dangerous disease? Do you yearn for the day when you will be free from agonizing coughing, frantic gasping, horrible fainting spells, nasty hawking and spitting, and sickening foul breath? Then take heart! Grasp this opportunity! Send for my Free Trial Treatment at once. It has cured hundreds of others. No matter how chronic your case, no matter if doctors, douches, smoke powders, inhalers, etc., have all failed, no matter if you are so exhausted that you can hardly walk, or whether you have not been able to get a night's sleep for months, write me today.

My "Home Treatment" will almost instantly cleanse the system of all impurities, and give you again the joyous impulse of new life. It stops that dripping in throat and heals scabs in nose. Send for Free Trial Treatment now. Delay is dangerous. The deadly germs of Consumption breed nowhere so easily as in the foul slime of Catarrh, Bronchitis and Asthma. If you value your life and happiness send me your name and address and those of afflicted friends if you know any, and I will mail you Free Trial Treatment in plain wrapper. Write me now while you think of it.

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CHILDREN'S LETTERS.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a farm girl of nine years, and in the fourth grade. My Mamma has several Geraniums and Coleus now, and has been a subscriber to your Magazine two years. I like birds. I do not like cats nor boys nor men who kill birds. If women wouldn't wear birds or feathers on their hats, there wouldn't be so many killed.

Mary Miller.
Bryant, Ind., Aug. 18, 1909.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a country girl of 13 and go to school every day, walking almost a mile and a half to school. Papa has about 45 head of cattle and 9 head of horses, and Mamma has over 100 chickens and fifteen young guineas. My favorite sport is horseback riding. I wish some of the girls would write to me.

Albion, Iowa, Sept. 3, 1909. Anna Steveson.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a farmer's daughter and live in the beautiful country. My mother died two years ago, when I was twelve years old, and now I am Papa's housekeeper. I enjoy it very much. I have a little brother twelve years old who adds much to the pleasures of our home by his boyish whims and mysterious ways. I attend the country school and am in the highest classes. I am fond of books as well as nature, and grammar is my special hobby, especially on Composition day. I would like very much to exchange post cards with the children. Maude Ward.

Searsboro, Iowa, Sept. 2, 1909.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a farm boy 14 years old. It is very pretty out here with the flowers. When I lived near Brooklyn, Wisconsin, we had a large orchard of Apple trees. When it bloomed and the bees gathered honey, I would sit up among the branches with the bees all around me and watch them.

Tracey Waterman.

Madison, Wis., Aug. 2, 1909.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a girl of 12 years and live in a small town. We have mail carriers, and will soon have a street-car line right past our house. We have a large yard full of flowers. I have three dogs which I call Sandy, Tiny and Fritz. I also have a canary-bird. I have no cat, as I want plenty of song-birds to build their nests in our trees. I have twelve dolls and two Teddy bears, but my chum and I like our paper dolls best, and I have about 500 of them. We take a great many Magazines, but I like yours best, as it has the Children's Corner in it.

Cadiz, O., Aug. 2, 1909. Francis Alexander.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a boy 12 years old and live on a farm. I have a mile to go to school and Sunday school, and I am in the sixth grade. I like birds. A robin builds its nest in a pine tree back of our house.

Luellin Decker.

Bradford Co., Pa., Aug. 6, 1909.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little girl of six years and like to read your Children's Letters. We have a hundred different kinds of flowers. I think everyone should have some flowers at least. We have some pretty Poppies blooming now, also some Sweet Peas.

Anna Ahlers.

Eureka, Okla., June 30, 1909.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little farm girl of 11 years. I have one old cat and two dogs named Jack and Buster. I love to read the Children's Letters. I am a lover of flowers and have lots of them.

Eva Wile.

Mariaville, Neb., Aug. 5, 1909.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am eight years old and this is my first letter to you. Grandma has taken your Magazine 15 years. I have a dog named Rixie.

N. Y. Rakie.

Bedford, Me., Aug. 6, 1909.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little girl eight years old and live on a beautiful farm three miles from town. I have a little pet colt and a dog. I love flowers and birds dearly and all dumb animals. What would this world be without the song-birds?

Pauline Klodt.

New Hartford, Iowa, Aug. 7, 1909.

LULLED TO SLEEP.

Here beside the murmuring stream
Little Nea sleeps away.
And no more her peaceful dream
Is disturbed by break of day.

Closed her eyes, her body cold,
Her cheerful voice is mute and still.
For Christ has brought her to His fold,
And we must yield, it is His will.

Lena C. Ahlers.

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IT WILL COST YOU NOTHING

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I feel it my duty to tell others of your wonderful success. I had a cancer the size of a half-dollar, for three years, After consulting two ladies and one man in our town, whom you had cured, I lost no time in putting myself under your treatment. I am, after ten weeks' treatment, cured and in the best of health.
MRS. E. L. WOOD, Perry, Ia.

Cancer of Breast, Four Years Standing, Cured in a Few Weeks

I inform you, with great pleasure that I am now cured of a very bad Cancer in the Breast of four years standing. Four doctors, two of them specialists, gave me no relief and I was badly disheartened. I tried your Mild Combination Treatment and it did what you claim. I know you can cure cancer 'or you cured my mother also.' MRS. C. W. SMITH, Yates Center, Kan.

Cancer on Side of Jaw Large as a Dollar Cured in 3 Weeks

I write to let you know that the Cancer which you treated for three weeks beginning April 26, 1905, is entirely cured. I am much pleased with the success of your treatment and want to say to all suffering with cancer not to be disheartened but try Dr. Johnson and be cured.
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I suffered two years from cancer of lower lip. Tried everything. You cured me. Was discouraged for a long time, but when you cured Mr. Donnell, our postmaster, I decided you could cure me. You undoubtedly know your business. My advice to sufferers is to not wait, but commence your treatment at once.
J. M. RATHMEL, Waverly, Kans.

YOU CAN BE CURED I will gladly furnish to every sufferer positive and indisputable proof that my treatment **does cure** Cancer. I will furnish ample evidence of my integrity, honesty, financial and professional ability. No matter how serious your case may be—no matter how many operations you have had—no matter what treatment you have tried—write for my book, "Cancer and Its Cure," also large 125-page book of testimonials from cured patients in all parts of the country—from every State in the Union. These books will cost you nothing and will convince you that you can be cured. Address,

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Just to prove to you, without your spending or risking one penny, that Elec-tro-la will positively destroy any hairy growth no matter where located, of how long standing or how tough or thick it may be, we will send you a bottle free to try it.

We will send a trial bottle of Elec-tro-la to any man or woman who writes for it, to prove that it does all we say, upon receipt of a two-cent stamp to help cover cost of mailing. The regular sized bottle is \$1.00 and your money will be refunded if Elec-tro-la does not do all we claim. We don't ask you to take our word for what Elec-tro-la will do, just send us your name and address with a two-cent stamp today addressing

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CORRESPONDENCE.

Mr. Park:—I took a walk the bright Fourth of July, out to the pasture to see the pony and colt. As I often do, I took along a basket and the garden trowel. After feeding the pony, I took a round-about way home, finding some treasures to transplant to my garden. First was a stalk of the brilliant "Painted Cup". It did not grow, however. Then some tiny early blue or lilac Pentstemons. Taller and later varieties of the same were found near the foot of the hill. Here is an annual Calliopsis, full of its yellow blossoms, and just over there is a Perennial Flax. Both are dug up, together with a white Larkspur with a tinge of pink.

Calliopsis Plant and Bloom.

There are numerous pea-shaped flowers,

from Lupinus to the bright crimson Loco,

later blooming than the very poisonous

white kind. But I know their roots were

too big and long to dig with a trowel.

There's something though, that I want, and I didn't know grew so near town—the Mariposa Lily. Nearly all of them here are white or pale lilac or lavender. These are fine ones, some with three blossoms and buds on, hiding half way down the hill. I get several good bulbs, and hurry on down to the taller Penstemons, get them and go on home. Yes, they were set in the beds before I ate dinner, and the Calliopsis has blossoms on today (Oct. 2), besides a colony of tiny seedlings about it. How many of the others will come up again next spring, remains to be seen.

Huerfano Co., Cal. Mary E. Lester.

Seedling Primroses.—The second week of June I planted a lot of Primrose seeds, and now,

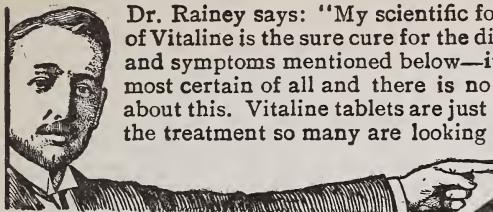
Dec. 6th, I have Chinese Primroses that are perfect beauties—white, cornelian blue, rosy white, and bright red—all in full bloom, and extra large flowers, many 1½ to 2 inches across. Primula floribunda seedlings are in full bud, and will soon be in bloom. I also have Primula obconica, different shades, which are blooming finely, and some red ones not quite in full bloom. All of these were raised from seeds sown the second week in June.

Wayne Co., N.Y. Sarah J. Huggins.



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Dear Mr. Park:—I have taken your *Floral Magazine* since the first year of its publication, and I need not tell you that I appreciate it. Jennie Spencer Farmer.

Marion Co., Ill., June 24, 1909.

Mr. Park:—I have only been taking your *Magazine* five months, but like it very much. It not only tells how to select pretty plants, but how to care for them; and it has been a great help in the care of my seedling plants. Mrs. Ada Bardsley.

York Co., Me., Aug. 12, 1909.

Mr. Park:—I have been a subscriber to your *Magazine* most of the time since the first publication, and have a good many back numbers. I never wanted one destroyed. I passed them along to others, if I didn't keep them. I look for it with pleasure each month. It is the best publication of the kind that I have ever found. One can get more real knowledge of flowers from it than from any other source I know of. Mrs. Frank B. Colton.

Hartford Co., Conn., June 14, 1909.

MAGAZINE APPRECIATED.

Mr. Park:—I am 78 years old, and have the *Magazine* since its first issue. I have many perennials from you and James Vick, raised years ago, and I prize them. Those from Mr. Vick are sweet memorials of that good man, who was a pioneer in the business of supplying amateur florists with seeds, bulbs and plants. Martha A. Fuller.

Fenton, Mich., May 20, 1909.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

Mr. Park:—I am very much interested in your *Floral Magazine*. I have only taken it one year, but I think it is just grand, and I do so enjoy the little botanical lessons, and the talks about wild flowers. I dearly love the wild flowers—those of Illinois best, because it is my birth place. In little old Piasa, how well I remember the wild flower you described, which we called Cowslips. There were also the Buttercups, Bluebells, Ladies Slipper, May Apple, Columbine, Johnny-jump-ups, Sugar loaf, and the Bleeding Heart or Dutchman's Breeches, as we called them, the Violets, blue, yellow and white—all of these I dearly love—tokens of the sweet home of my childhood. I wish some lover of wild flowers in Illinois would write to me. We have here some very pretty wild flowers. The Poinciana, the large yellow Poppy, white Daisies, and many others.

Mrs. L. M. Dearborn,
San Francisco, Cal., 639 a Guenero, St.

Mr. Park:—I wish to speak a word in favor of the much despised English Sparrows. They have been around my home for many years, and I do not see them molest the other birds. The bluebirds come every spring, and build in the boxes, and holes of the apple-trees, and they and the Sparrows seem to be on good terms with each other, and all of the other birds around here. That they destroy many insects I know, for I have often seen them with worms in their mouth, for their young. A pair have built their nest this summer, under the casing over the barn-door, and they are a lot of comfort to me. Being an invalid, and on that account, unable to go out much, I enjoy my flowers and birds very much. I do not keep any cats, as I know that most of them are apt to trouble the birds, and I prefer the birds to cats. I have always loved flowers. To me they seem almost human, and in times of loneliness and suffering, they have proved the best of comforters. I have nine Stocks which I raised from your seeds this spring. I set them in a box, where I could give them better care than if they were in the garden, and they are doing well. Two of them have bloomed, and they are lovely. One is a large double purple, and the other a bright carmine. The rest are budded. I think them the loveliest flowers that grow. They are so sweet-scented, too. May you long live to write letters in the "Floral Magazine", for although written to children, many times, I think we older people enjoy them, too, at least I do.

Sincerely yours,

Mary E. Crowell.

Barnstable Co., Mass., June 25, 1909.

CHILDREN'S CORNER.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a boy of 10 years and fond of flowers. My Mamma's favorites are Primroses, Heliotropes and Pansies. I would like to exchange postals with boys and girls of my age.

Rosamond Jones.

W. Catasauqua, Pa., July 30, 1909.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little girl of 11 years and fond of flowers. I planted seeds of Bachelor's Buttons and Marigolds, and they are growing nicely. We have six cows, and I do most all of the milking.

Myrtle Shoemaker.

Okonto, Neb., July 27, 1909.

ABOUT RED SQUIRRELS.

Two or three summers we had red squirrels in some walnut trees that are south of the house. I suppose they came there for walnuts; they made a nest there. Then my brother put a box up for their home, and they stayed for several seasons. We noticed that we did not have so many



pretty song-birds, but did not think much about it. As we had several cats this summer, the squirrels are gone, and it seems as though the evergreens in the front yard are full of song-birds. I now believe that it was not so much the cats as squirrels, for we have as many now as then. The squirrels are nice, but birds are nicer.

We have several cats too many for the birds' sake, although we rarely see a cat with a bird; yet, as our Editor says, the cats catch at night, when the birds are at rest. I think we should save the birds, but how are we to have both cats and birds? I am going to send to Boston, Mass., for a copy of *Dumb Animals*, which our Editor told us about. I would like to exchange postals.

Della Wettmore.

Blanchard, Ia., R.F.D. No. 1, Box 58.

QUESTIONS.

Name Wanted.—In Denmark we had a perennial plant called Blaa Dner. What is its name here? I have not seen it in America. It grows two or three feet high, and inside the cap were two little leaves resembling doves' heads, of a blue color.

Sevier Co., Utah. Anton Nielson.

Rose on Thorn.—Can a Crimson Rambler Rose be grafted into a White Thorn tree and grow? Who can answer from practical experience or observation?

Allegany Co., N. Y. L. B.

Begonias.—Can anyone tell me how to preserve the white or yellowish markings in Begonia Paul Bruant Variegata, and also Geranium Variegata? I have read that good air and sunlight render plants green and healthy, and that the light variegations are due to a semi-starvation, to obtain which a plant should be given poor soil and little sun. This plan appears to work well with Geranium Variegata, but not so well with the Begonia. Can anyone give me information on this subject?

Nassau Co., N.Y. Mrs. H. A. Lowden.

QUESTION AND ANSWER.

Chrysanthemum inodorum.—I have a plant with foliage like a Lace Fern and white flowers like a Double Daisy. What is it?—J. R., Petersburg, Ohio.

Ans.—The plant may be Chrysanthemum inodorum. If so, it is a hardy biennial, and of a prostrate habit.—Ed.

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Mr. Park:—I am a great lover of flowers and get so much help from your Magazine in their culture. I would not do without it for a good deal. Mrs. S. A. Glover.

Woodbury Co., Iowa, Aug. 17, 1909.

Mr. Park:—I am taking your Magazine and like it very much. It has a great deal of information in it on the cultivation of plants, and I find it very helpful.

Mrs. R. L. Turner.

Tampa, Fla., Aug. 18, 1909.

Mr. Park:—I have been taking your Magazine for twenty-five years and I don't know how I could get along without it.

Hamburg, Erie Co., N. Y. M. Miller.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am always glad when your Magazine comes, for it seems like a visit from a good friend—better, for I can keep it and enjoy it repeatedly.

Mrs. Dexter Lyon.

Hopkins Co., Ky., Sept. 30, 1909.

Mr. Park:—Your dear little Magazine is a welcome friend, visiting me every month, and I should miss it so much if I should fail to receive it. I herewith enclose the money to renew my subscription.

Mrs. F. W. Johnson.

Dodge Co., Minn., April 21, 1909.

EXCHANGES.

Mrs. J. M. Bohn, Red Bluff, Cal., L.B. 62, lost all of her plants, a large collection, by fire. She will exchange California postals for seeds or plants sent her to replace her collection.

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PLANT SOIL AND FERNS.

Mr. Park—The soil I use for my plants is made of two parts well-rotted cow manure and one part sand, to which I add a quart of wood ashes to each bushel. I provide a good charcoal drainage, and can just see my plants grow. Can this mixture be improved upon, and how?

I wish to obtain some house Ferns to fill a north window. I want dwarf-growing, bushy varieties, as I am limited as to space. Will you kindly make some suggestions. I have an Asparagus Fern and Whitmanii.

Mrs. F. W. Johnson.

Dodge Co., Minn., April 21, 1909.

Ans.—The Tarrytown and Scotti Ferns are dwarf, bushy sorts of special value for pots. So also are Nephrolepis Amerpohlii, Aspidium tsusensem, Cyrtomium falcatum, Pteris cretica, Wimsettii, and Victoria. All are of easy culture. —Ed.

OLD FOLKS' CORNER.

Mr. Park:—I am an old lady (66 years old), and a shut-in. I have six cats, and think they are just fine. I think anyone who does not love cats is cruel-hearted.

Mrs. O. J. Brown.

Ashtabula Co., Ohio, April 19, 1909.

Note.—It is estimated that every bird-cat kills, on an average 50 song birds a year. If these were all bird-cats their portion of the game would be 300 birds. Which would be the most useful—six bird-destroying cats, or 300 insect destroying birds? And which would be the more cruel—to humanely kill six cats, or allow these cats to live, and cruelly take the lives of 300 song-birds a year? Ed.

EXCHANGES.

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Mrs. R. D. Herron.

Clay Co., Miss., Oct. 10, 1909.

To Bargain Hunters. — Mr. Editor: — I want to give a word of warning to floral sisters who are "bargain hunters". When in early spring you see advertisements offering quantities of hardy bulbs, such as Hyacinths, Tulips, Narcissus and Crocuses, for hardly more than enough to pay the postage, let them severely alone, for if they have not been forced for winter flowering, they are the remnants of last fall's stock, and have lost too much vitality in either case to give any results for a year or two, perhaps never. Such bulbs usually split up into several small ones, which require a long time to become of blooming size. I always wait for the bargains in Park's Magazine, during September, October and November, and I am never disappointed.

Knox Co., Me. Adella F. Veazie.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Mr. Park: — In May of last year I bought three-cent packets of Bouquet Petunia and Sweet Alyssum, and found them very satisfactory as garden flowers. I could not bear to see them caught by Jack Frost, so I potted two plants of Petunia and two of Alyssum and placed them in a cool, sunny window upstairs, before the cold weather came. Well, they surprised me. With hardly any care they grew and bloomed, and have not been out of flower since. Many people passing by stopped to admire them during the winter months, and I picked many flowers and sent to the sick. The Alyssum stood next to the glass, the Petunia back of the Alyssum, and in the rear were my plants of bright yellow Chrysanthemums. In the spring I bedded the plants out, and the little plants that grew from self-sown seeds developed and made handsome clumps throughout the season.

Orissa Wood.

Tioga Co., Pa., Sept. 16, 1909.

Mr. Park: — I wish you could see my porch. The vines are beautiful. My Cobaea Scandens is a source of delight every day, and the Maurandya is covered with flowers. My Nasturtiums are nearly to the top of the porch.

Mrs. C. E. Lunn.

Barry Co., Mich., Sept. 8, 1909.

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"By and by they will be fully open, and then you will see their beauty," said her Mamma.

"What shall I do with them?" asked Bessie.

"Oh, take them to Lucile. She is sick, you know," said Mamma.

When Bessie went to pick them she said "You dear Roses! I am going to take you to a little sick girl." Then one cluster began to shrivel up, and say "Oh, don't take me! Don't take me!"

"You shall not go if you don't want to," said Bessie.

Then Bessie picked of the other Roses until she had a big bunch, which she carried to the little sick girl.

After she left, the selfish Roses tried to straighten up, but couldn't, and the mother Rose told them to forget their bad acts, and try to be good and happy; and when the sun came out they brightened up and smiled, and were pretty again. So, when Bessie came home she was pleased, and all was joy and happiness in the little Rose garden. Bessie rejoiced in the kindness she had shown the little shut-in sister, and the Roses bloomed more beautifully because of their good resolutions.

Beula Wilderson.

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GOSSIP.

Dear Floral Folks:—On a long drive yesterday along the banks of a lovely shady creek I found some large shrubs of what I think is the wild Hydrangea. The blooms are very large, a pure snow white, rather flat in form, and so lovely. The shrubs are rather rank in growth, as some were eight feet high at least, others five feet; the leaf rather coarse and of a rich dark green, rough on the under side. I cut an armful, and today they are just as fresh and lovely as when I cut them. I am wondering if they could be transplanted with care to my own yard. Of course I could not give the same conditions of location that they now have, but I think I will try one at least. I am a lover of fine shrubbery, and am always on the look out for anything lovely in shrubbery. One often finds lovely shrubs growing wild. I have a large shrub now of Andromeda Mariana "Lily of the Valley" shrub, that I found growing wild on the banks of a creek several years ago, and transplanted carefully. It is lovely when in bloom in early June, bearing panicles of waxy white drooping bell-shaped blossoms. It well deserves good culture and care. Half of my enjoyment of a drive is the constant lookout for pretty wild flowers, and I always come home well laden with them.

Jennie Spencer Farmer.

Marion Co., Ill., July 28, 1909.

Mr. Park:—When a small girl at home I planted and raised your Digitalis. The home was broken up, but fifteen years later I married and returned to my old home. When the bed was remade I soon found several Digitalis seedlings, from seed self-sown fifteen years before. Since then they have self-sown each year, and attract as much attention as any plant of my hundred hardy varieties. They are near a large apple, where many plants will not grow.

Mrs. John White.

N. Lebanon, Me., Sept. 20, 1909.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Mr. Park:—I have been deeply interested in the letters in the Magazine in regard to the destruction of birds, and hope every means possible may be used to prevent further practice of so useless and cruel a crime. I have never heard of red squirrels killing birds, until recently, in your Magazine. But they are a pest that might do anything; the very worst pest I know. They destroyed our Pears for two years before we found what did it; they gnaw the Pear down to the core, as that is their choice, and the ground is covered with the litter. We have hazel nuts, trees of black walnuts and hickory nuts, but it is nearly impossible to gather and store them, or a share of them. I have a friend in Owassa who writes me her neighbors are troubled the same way. As ladies are so sharp for something unique and startling to adorn their hats, as there are thousands of horned toads converted into hatpins, what a bright idea it would be to load their hat-rims with squirrels. Oh, how sweet a dream!

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Dear Mr. Park:—We are farm girls, nine years and eleven years old, and go to school. We like the farm. We have lots of flowers, and all the fruit and watermelons we want. We both read the Children's Corner. Grace and Irene Jolley.

Marietta, Ga., Aug. 9, 1909.

Dear Mr. Park:—I live on a large farm, and have two pet sheep and a dog. We have a nice bed of flowers, and could not get along without your Magazine. I will exchange postals. Walter Trout.

Route 3, Birmingham, Ia., Aug. 12, 1909.

Dear Mr. Park:—We are little farm girls aged 9 and 10 years. We have a lot of horses, one mule and four cows. We have a little pony that Papa got from the Gypsies, and another pony that is spotted, called Frosty. We both go to school.

Minnie and Virginia Blackburn.

Bradford, Ill., Aug. 13, 1909.

Dear Mr. Park:—Mamma buys seeds and plants of you every year, and has the loveliest flowers. They can be seen a half mile away. She wishes she lived near a hospital, so she could give some flowers to the sick people. There are two little humming-birds that flit among our flowers every evening. I love all the little birds.

Oto, Ia., Aug. 6, 1909. Ruth Simon.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little girl 9 years old, and dearly love flowers. I have some lovely Zinnias and some other flowers. My favorite flower is Pansy, but it seems we cannot get any to grow. I have a little song-bird and a dolly that has black hair. My hair is black and my eyes are brown. I love to read books and go to school.

New Plymouth, Ohio, Laura Gillilan.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a farm boy, 14 years old, and help Papa. We are shucking corn now. It is a half mile to the postoffice, and I ride a little white pony for the mail, and have lots of fun. I would like to exchange postals. Helen Teck.

R. 4, B. 20, Yukon, Okla., Sept. 27, 1909.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a farm boy 11 years old, and both mother and I take your Magazine. We have a dog, but no cats. We set traps to catch the rats and mice. My cow is named Jensie, my dog Marquis.

Maz G. Carr.

Pittsylvania Co. Va., Oct. 7, 1909.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little girl 10 years old, and in the sixth grade at school. My mamma takes your Magazine, and I am getting up a club for Tulips.

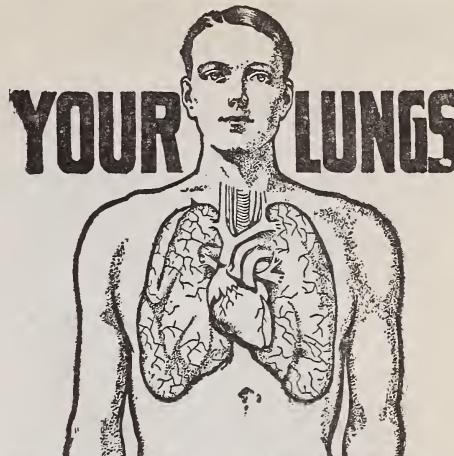
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Mr. Park:—I told you the last time I wrote, that five of the Begonias were doing fine, while the other two seemed a little backward, and no wonder,—they were planted upside down, and I never discovered it until the leaves began to push through the soil. Then I stood the poor things on their feet (or roots) instead of on their heads, and in a short time they began to grow apace, and they are all in bloom now. Everyone admires them so much.

From a 3-cent packet of Petunia seeds I raised enough plants for a fine bed of Petunias of various colors and markings. I also had many other flowers, among them Larkspur in different shades of red and blue and all very pretty. The Feverfew made a fine display, and I raised three Nicotianas, two of which were very handsome, with their pure star-white flowers giving such a delightful fragrance in the summer evenings. One has not blossomed, but is now in bud. I also raised some lovely Pinks, and many others besides; I never had such good success before. I had one bed that was greatly admired. It was a round bed on the lawn. The center was of Malva which grew up tall and stately, covered with lovely blossoms which lasted many weeks. Around these were Mirabilis or Four o'clock; and it was a fine sight.

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Mrs. L. B. Zastre.

West Quincy, Mass.

Mr. Park:—In planting my Gladiolus bulbs I find it very convenient to plant a few Balsam seeds between the bulbs, after they come up. I thin them out, leaving one plant to each bulb, thus providing a living support. Be sure to get the double varieties, and if some of the branches are removed it will be better. The double ones are almost as pretty as Roses. Try them. Mrs. Mary L. Warren.

Kennebек Co., Me., Sept. 12, 1909.

Dear Mr. Park:—I have three lovely Begonias which do well for me. I put them in six-inch pots, the lower half filled with horse-manure, the rest rich earth and sand. I water twice a week and keep on the piazza in the summer. In the winter I put them in a south window. I am very fond of flowers, and am mostly successful in their culture. I like to try the new things, and add the worthy ones to my collection.

Louise Horford.

Berkshire Co., Mass., Sept. 12, 1909.

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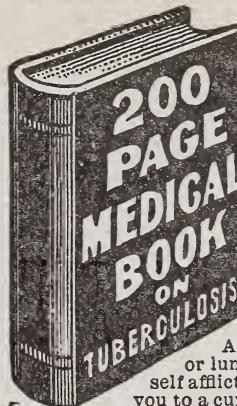
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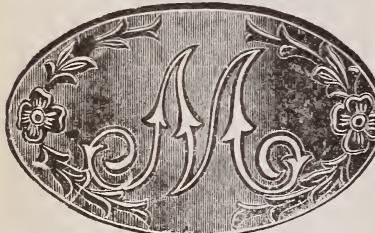
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Florence M. Stark.

York Co., Pa., June 4, 1909.

Mr. Park:—I enclose money to renew my subscription to your Magazine. I do not know how I could get along without it. I had a nice flower bed of Pansies, Geraniums and Gladioli this summer. I had a Maiden-hair Fern, and it lasted a long time. My uncle has a large poultry farm of white Leghorns, and he thinks there is no place like the farm.

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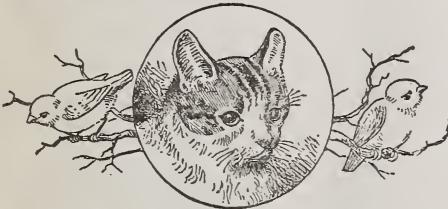
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CATS AND BIRDS.

To the Editor:—I have been very much interested in your Magazine, and I take a great deal of pleasure each month reading the many interesting articles on the culture of flowers. I have been especially interested in the attempts at justifying the keeping of cats, made by some of your subscribers.

It is no longer a theory that rats are to blame, largely, for the spread of many contagious diseases, and yet rats are no more apt to come in contact with disease germs than cats, and the opportunity of spreading the disease is infinitely greater with cats, as they are often handled and petted after a night's roam through the back alleys, or after killing and eating these much dreaded rats.

The only good quality that can be advanced for the cat is the often mentioned killing of rats and mice. It is true that some cats do kill rats and mice, but a few traps would be more effective.



Cats have little or no affection; they allow some to pet and feed them, but they will scratch the hand that feeds on the slightest provocation; it is more tolerance than affection.

The worst trait a cat has is the killing of song birds, a trait that is instinctive with them, and cannot be trained out of them, I care not what others may say to the contrary. Last spring I saw a small cat, not yet half grown, trying to catch a robin on our lawn. This was a well-fed cat that had been taken when a very small kitten, as a plaything for my neighbor's children, and could neither have learned nor been taught the trick; it was simply part of the cat. Another cat in our neighborhood, and a cat that is continually over-fed and pampered, and never caught a rat or mouse in its life, is addicted to this trait, catching birds. It is "sternly but gently chastised" when caught, but has learned to play the game without being caught. Feeding, training, scolding, and whipping do no good. A cat will kill birds as a duck will take to water, and the birds know this, and will scold a cat whenever they see one, but will pay little attention to a dog. The worst part of it is that the birds caught are all song birds; the cats can't catch English Sparrows. I have known of many birds being caught, but never a Sparrow, and there are more Sparrows than other birds, and the Sparrows are here all winter.

During the past year I have killed many cats, enough to ruin my luck, and all summer we have had more song birds than ever before—even more than we had before the city was as large as it is now, and we were close to the country. My advice is, if you want song birds get rid of their natural born enemies, the cats.

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How to plant these Tulips.

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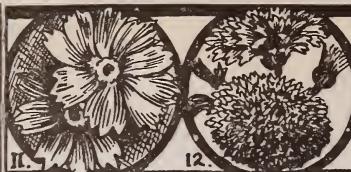
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Do you stop often to think, only once I can pass this way? Tomorrow will find new duties, and today I should have and give some pleasure. "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy", applies to men and women as well. There are duties to fill every hour of the day, no doubt, but, there are pleasures as well, and we owe it to our families to have a little pleasure, that they may see the sun shining on our faces when they meet us at the close of a long day.

So many women say "Oh I am so blue today; life seems so full of trouble, and there seems so little to live for". These women need a change, and yet they will not take it. We do not need a large amount of money to get some joy out of life. If we do not feel able to take the children for a trip to some mountain resort on a summer vacation, surely we can give them a picnic in the woods or to the dear old farm. No elaborate lunch is needed, bread and butter and cold meat will taste just fine there on that mossy bank under the old Oak tree. Leave some of the morning work and go while it is cool, while the birds are singing and the bees are humming; find the path that leads to the bubbling spring in the deep woods. The boys and girls will sing their sweetest songs as they skip before you; they will be so glad that mother is going along. Be sure and leave all the fretting behind. Do not scold if your biggest boy steps in the mud over his shoe-top; just laugh and be gay. Remember, the boys are thinking mother is queen of the party. Try to be queenly and gracious. This may be the turning point in the young lad's life. Surely he will remember it when gray hairs are around his brow.

Only once you will pass this way, for joy or for sorrow; make it a passing of joy. When you return to the pleasant home which has been closed for a few hours, though you may be a little tired, there will be a joy in your heart which you have not noticed in a long time. And do not let this be your last outing; resolve every week to have one day of pleasure; but do not rob Sunday of its sacred service to take your outing, this is done too much in the cities, but in the country there are so many picnic places that can be found any day in the week without an excursion train to take you to them. Father and mother would find many pleasures together if they sought the old familiar walks they so much enjoyed before the children came to make life merrier and happier.

Ruth Raymond.

Waverly, N. Y., Nov. 10, 1909.

QUESTIONS.

Cyclamen.—I have a Cyclamen that was full of buds till mid-winter, but they all blighted and dried up, not one opening. The plant seemed healthy. What was wrong in its treatment?—F. Shultz., Ia.

Easter Lily.—Will some sister tell us how to treat the Chinese Sacred Lily to get the best results?—Mrs. Johnson, Lynn, Ind.

EDITORIAL GOSSIP.

Flowers and Verses. — And here comes twelve stanzas nicely written, telling about the writer's garden. I know you will all appreciate these when you read the following note, which accompanied the verses:

Dear Mr. Park: — I take the liberty to send some lines from my sister, describing her flowers. You may be surprised to learn that she cares for her greenhouse and wields her pen freely, although past 84 years of age.

Sarah F. Crosby.

Allegany Co., N. Y., May 3, 1909.

MY WINTER GARDEN.

I've a pretty window garden,
With it: greens of varied hue,
But no words can paint the picture
That I'd like to show to you.

Ruffled caps, with snow-white borders
All among the crimson frills,
Animate the baby faces
That the Primrose corner fills.

Cyclamen, with wings uplifted,
Are so prim and dignified,
That the modest Baby Primrose
Seems quite sleepy by her side.

Then the Roses—queen of flowers—
With their cream and crimson blooms;
Next the stately, waxy Callas,
Guarding well their yellow plumes.

Geraniums are flushing faintly.
For the sun has been too shy,
Hiding all his ardent gazes
With a snow-filled, cloudy eye.

But the Pinks—the sweet Carnations—
Are so perfect, pink and white,
Saying that in just such blizzards
They can make their fringes bright.

Heliotrope and Fuchsia perfumes
Make my garden a delight;
But the Jasmins reign supremely
In the silent, solemn night.

Ageratum and Lantanas,
Sweet Alyssums and Sweet Peas,
And a host of other flowers
Surely cannot fail to please.

In my eyes they all are pretty;
But I take my chief delight
In the Palms and Pines and Smilax,
Asparagus and Coleus bright.

Ah! the varied greens are restful
To my faded, aged eye.
That has feasted on the flowers
Since my birth in twenty-five.

I have sowed the seeds and watered;
Filled the pots and planted all;
Watched the enemies, and guarded
Lest some accident befall.

And to me they're almost human;
Better company, I find,
Than in many a crowded dwelling,
For they suit my state of mind.

L. F. C.

May Time deal kindly with this dear aged flower patron. May the warm sunshine that beams into her little greenhouse, and the smiling flowers that so cheerfully resound, be but tokens of the sunshine of God's love upon her soul, and the flowers that brighten and adorn life's pathway to its end.

Old-Fashioned Flowers. — I still have in my yard the old Camphor Plant; also Helleborus viridis, the Christmas Rose, and a dwarf, very double red Rose, not much larger than a 5-cent piece—I think it is called the Damask Rose.

Jessie Baker.

Carter Co., Ky., May 3, 1909.

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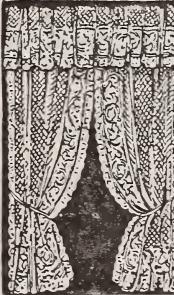
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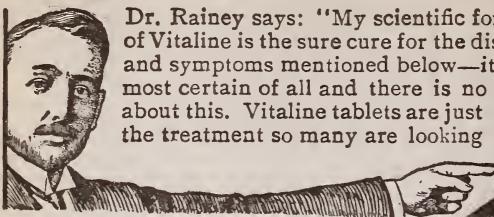
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Yet there are men—grown men, even elderly men—hundreds and thousands of them, who spend days, and series of days, tramping over heath and holt, with no other object than the slaughter of the sweet songsters and equally sweet "game" birds. And they call it sport, and actually

enjoy it. Oh, what cruel, cruel sport! How hard must be that heart which will permit its possessor to *enjoy* seeing an innocent creature die! How wanting in real kindness do such men seem!

These are the little birds' real enemies, against whom the law should operate, if it is to save our birds. The cats destroy many, I am sure, and I am far from condoning their depredations, but cats are only poor dumb creatures, having no sense of right or wrong, and if they are brutal they have the excuse of being brutes.

Then there is the small boy, who yearly destroys thousands upon thousands of birds; but even he has some excuse, although he displays most wanton cruelty. He is but a child, and his parents could prevent it if they would. But for the man,



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I see no excuse. He has reached the age whence he can see, if he will, the fundamental laws of kindness, and he should be touched by the pain he causes to harmless and helpless things. He should see the effect of his example, and he should realize the good influence a love for the helpless and beautiful things around us, brings. He should, at the very least, see the economic value of our birds, and, if for no humane reason, at least for a financial one, spare our tiny feathered friends. American manhood is surely undeserving of the tributes paid it, if the men of our Nation cannot see these things of themselves. But be that as it may, if they can't, or if they will not see them, they should be made to see them. A jolt that would loosen their purse-strings fine-wise, might prove the very medicine for their blinded eyes. Since the continued increase in insect pests from year to year, and the increase in cruelty in the rising generation fails to open their eyes, it is up to our legislators to pry 'em open with the law. But alas! Our lawmakers are, for the most part, sportsmen, too, and what sportsman will make a law against himself? Poor birds! Indeed their extermination seems near at hand, for even the few "bird laws" we have are in favor of the sportsmen, and not the birds.

Here in Tennessee, we have a law that pretends to protect our birds, but—there's an "open" season—and then they fall by millions—so that spring finds but few of the bright creatures that autumn bids adieu. Throughout the winter season the report of fire-arms is almost incessant, as if a war was being waged among us—as indeed there is—a war of extermination, as cruel as ever the first Edward waged against unhappy Scotland. And they call it sport—but it is no sport to me. It is rather a display of that which makes me almost ashamed of my own sex; and yet, the opposite is but little better, as a visit to any millinery exhibit will show.

Notwithstanding we have Humane Soci-

ties by the score, the slaughter still goes on. However, I by no means decry the work of such Societies. It is splendid; it is grand, but even better can be done in the home. Let the children be taught when small to love God's small creatures, and when older they will not wish to harm any living thing.

As for me, I have never slain a bird, and never shall. I have been taught something of tenderness, for which I am thankful. I have a better use for the dear little songsters than to see them die, and I can get more pleasure out of them alive than dead, so I extend my hand to you, Mr. Park, and to all bird-lovers.

Warren Co., Tenn. Jas. M. Bonner.

Note.—Undoubtedly the greatest work in this country in the interest of dumb animals is that started by Mr. Angel, of Boston. Through his efforts thousands of "Bands of Mercy" were established throughout the land, and the children taught to look upon all living things with sympathy. His paper "Dumb Animals", is still published, and the work goes on, notwithstanding the summer flowers bloom over the grave of the dear old man who devoted the greater part of his life to the work of mercy.

The Bird Societies do much good, but their work is at best reconstructive. We want something that will go to the hearts of the children, and these can be reached only through the public school teachers. Alas, too many teachers have but little sympathy in their own hearts for animate creation, and how can they instill the sentiment into those under their care? With a good text-book, however, all teachers could arouse a degree of tenderness among the children, and "as the twig is bent so the tree is inclined". It is to be regretted that the age of barbarity still lurks in high places in our nation. Example is a great educator, either for good or evil, and the past decade, by this powerful teacher, has placed the use of the gun in the front rank of "manly" accomplishments. But why not have a text-book for our schools along the lines of kindness, morality, temperance and good habits, and have these principles faithfully instilled into the young minds? Until this is done we can hardly expect the rising generation to improve in true manly qualities, or to show less of the cruelty, wickedness and filthiness which manifests itself so prominently in many youths in almost every thickly settled community.—Ed.

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To unknown distance ever bound,
You blaze across our little sky
To teach us how a world can fly.
Since man has tried the upper air,
And vaunted of his prowess there—
Of hours afloat through miles of space—
You fling this challenge in his face:
"Come, follow me for seventy years
Past rolling suns and blazing spheres;
Come, follow me, and keep your course
On ceaseless round back to the source
From whence you rose; then dare to tell
What man can do; till then, farewell."
O wondrous comet, we behold
Your matchless powers; yet man foretold
When you should come, should disappear.
He traced your way from year to year,
And trusted still the Hand that flung
You out the burning worlds among,
To bring you back again to shine
Above our earth with light divine.
He trusted, and of you he learns
That as the comet safe returns,
So shall the soul of man arise
And find its passage through the skies.

Ruth Raymond.

Salvia Germination.—Mr. Park:—I bought and sowed in March a packet of Salvia seeds. In your germinating table, you give the time for starting as 19 days, but in just one week from the time of sowing, half of the seeds were up, and still more coming. I covered the seed-box with a cloth, four double, and wrung out of water every day. Then I set the box under the kitchen range. Mrs. Lona Markel.

Ashland Co., O., Apr. 7, 1909.

Note.—The time of germination of seeds varies greatly, according to the conditions of soil, temperature, moisture, etc. Seeds vary in germination, too, according to maturity, age and development. Thus a table can be approximately correct, but not absolutely correct.—Ed.

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Biting on his toes;
What a pleasure,
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Like a monkey,
Often spunky,
Does he seem to be.
Don't be frettin'.
He'll be gettin'
Big, and work for thee.

St. Louis, Mo.

Albert E. Vassar.

THE GARDEN.

There's a garden that needs weeding
Owned by each of us right here,
Where are beds that need good seeding,
Grown with thickets year by year.

In this garden there are Roses,
Yielding 'ere a sweet perfume,
But the sunlight oft discloses
Thorns and weeds which seek their doom.

In this garden streams are flowing.
Some are muddy, others clear;
Some will keep our souls agrowing,
Others make us hate and fear.

There are rough and stony places
In this garden of the soul;
These must all make room for graces,
Love must reach from pole to pole.
Some within their minds have nettles,
Stinging all who come near by;
Envy makes their seed, which settles
'Twixt the wheat and flowers nigh.

We must always keep a tilling
In this garden of the mind,
Lest the weeds of hate keep filling
Places for what's good and kind.

Harvests, too, would soon be greater
If we grub the thorns away;
Joy and peace would flourish later
In the soil where they decay.

Oh, how sweet is Eden's pleasure!
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May it be our blessed treasure
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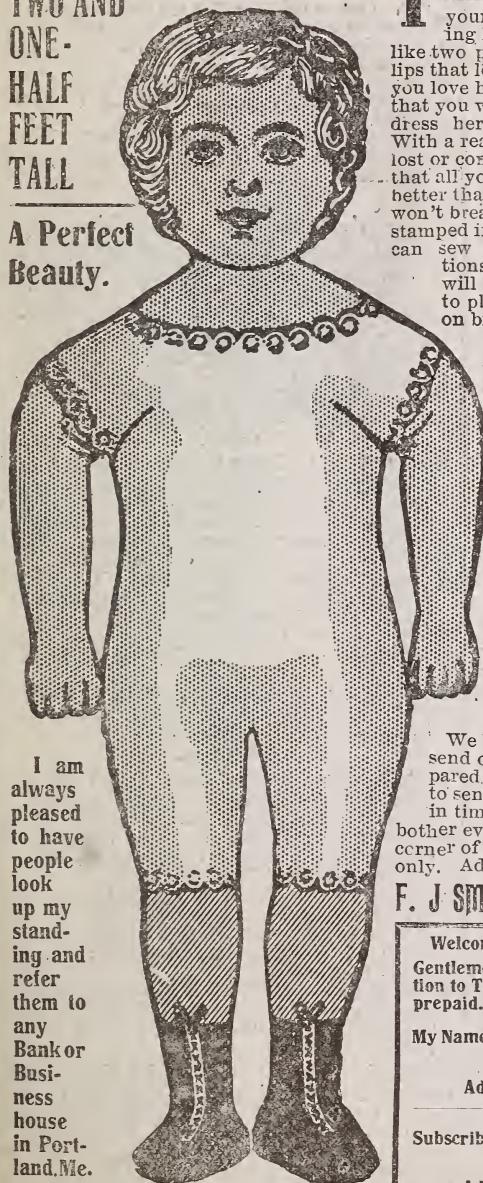
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CHOICE SEEDS FOR FALL SOWING.

THE FOLLOWING HARDY SEEDLING FLOWERS do better if sown in autumn, just as the farmer sows his wheat and rye. The plants thus get a start in autumn, endure the winter, and begin to bloom early, before the hot, dry summer weather comes. Sow in a bed where you wish the plants to stand, and if too thick thin them in the spring. Some of the seedlings may not appear until spring, but will then come early, almost before the ground is fit to be worked.

Adonis Estivalis and **Autumnalis**, mixed; a foot high; fine-cut foliage, and deep red, showy bloom.

Agrostemma Cœli rosa, a fine dwarf annual for massing; flowers white, rose and fringed. Mixed.

Amaranthus, mixed, yeilding a great variety of showy, hardy plants, as Prince's Feather, Love-lies-bleeding, etc.

Ambrosia Mexicana, fragrant foliage, useful for cutting; very handsome.

Anchusa Capensis, rich blue flowers in scorpioid racemes, handsome and showy.

Argemone mixed, a prickly plant two feet high, with large, showy Poppy-like flowers.

Artemisia annua, the Sweet Fern, lovely for bouquets; grows three to five feet tall.

Cacalia, Flora's Paint-Brush, mixed, red and yellow brush-like flowers, of easy culture.

Cannabis pyramidalis, the giant hemp; six feet high; pretty foliage; seeds good for birds.

Carthamus tinctorius, the garden Saffron; showy golden flowers during summer.



CATCHFLY.

tons, two feet high; showy in a bed, and unsurpassed for cutting; blue, white, striped, rose, etc. Mixed.

Candytuft, white, very showy tufts of pure white flowers; a bed makes a sheet of lovely bloom.

Calliopsis, mixed, yellow and red flowers on slender, branching plants a foot high; rich and beautiful.

Calendula, superb double gold and sulphur bloom; grow a foot high; bloom all season. Mixed.

Collins'a verna, a very beautiful native flower, rarely seen; flowers blue and white, in profusion.

Delphinium Dwarf Rocket, long spikes of double bloom a foot high; white, blue, carmine, etc. Mixed.

Delphinium Stock-flowered, three feet high, branching. Each branch a wreath of lovely double white, red and blue flowers; very showy and beautiful.

Echium Vulgare, a Borage-wort, known as Vipers Buglos; violet buds, blue flowers.

Erysimum compactum, fragrant golden flowers in profusion; makes showy bed.

Eutoca Viscida, mixed, lovely little plants; flowers blue, white, &c.

Lupinus Hirsutus, a foot high; pea-like blue, white and rose flowers; mixed.



ALL OF THE ABOVE may be sown in a rather sheltered bed of sandy or porous soil in the garden. Order and sow during Autumn, the earlier the better. Many of the flowers offered will surprise you in the spring when they bloom, being much finer from fall-sown seeds.

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Nigella Damascena, the old Love-in-a-mist; double, blue and white flowers; very handsome; mixed.

Oenothera Lamarckiana, the tall, large-flowered, beautiful Evening Primrose; mixed.

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Poppy, Peony-flowered, large, showy double flowers; all the fine colors, mixed.

Poppy, Carnation-flowered, immense, deeply cut flowers, appearing like great feather balls richly colored; mixed.

Saponaria calabrica, a handsome edging or border; a mass of spring bloom; pink and white, mixed.

Scabiosa Maxima, superb double, globular flowers on long stems; showy in a bed, and fine for cutting; mixed.

VINES.

Echinocystis lobata, the Wild Cucumber vine; beautiful in foliage; white, fragrant panicles of bloom; must be sown in fall.

Sicyos angulata, a native vine, vigorous, for covering a trellis or summer house, or an old tree or building; sow in fall.

Vicia, lovely Pea-like vines, the showy little flowers in long racemes; mixed.

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